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SUMMARY.

Admiral Togo's flagship Mikasa caught fire at Sasebo on Sunday night, and sank on Monday morning.

The casualties number 599, including men from other ships who had gone on board to assist in extinguishing the flames.

The fire originated at the base of the Mikasa's mainmast, and is believed to be due to an overcharge of electricity.

Admiral Togo was not on board. The vessel is in shallow water, and there is some prospect of raising and repairing her.

Thousands of Tartar horsemen are crossing the Persian frontier and are joining in the slaughter of Armenians.

A holy war has been proclaimed, and the Armenians are being slaughtered regardless of age or sex.

Survivors of the massacres are being forced to embrace Islamism.

Tartars at Minkend in the Caucasus massacred 300 Armenians.

In a fight between cossacks and socialists at Tiflis 20 of the socialists were killed and 50 wounded.

The name of the steamer which was exploded near Jacobstad, and had arms and ammunition on board, is believed to be the John Grafton.

Two Customs officers on boarding the steamer were compelled by an armed English-speaking crew to withdraw. The crew sailed south.

Four thousand men from all parts of Japan took part in an anti-peace demonstration. Forty people were injured in the crush.

Sweden has demanded that Norway should dismantle a number of new Norwegian fortresses.

The Storthing objects to the demolition of the fortresses without guarantees, and asks that an arbitration treaty should be first made.

Sweden is in favour of an arbitration treaty, but only after the demolition of the forts.

South of England, against Australia, made 434 in the first innings. The Australians lost three wickets for 81.

Lorie, the murderer of Mr. Veech, at Quilpie station, has committed suicide.

A large body of police had tracked him down, and he cut his throat when they were approaching.

On Tuesday he was at a black's camp, where he obtained a Winchester rifle and ammunition, stating that: "He had a few more to deal with."

The select committee on sectarianism in the Public Service met yesterday, and excluded the reporters.

The Rev. Wools Rutledge declined to give evidence until the press representatives were present, and they were readmitted.

It was agreed that the Rev. Wools Rutledge and Mr. Hall should be allowed to petition Parliament to be allowed to be made parties to the inquiry.

The municipal convention yesterday made several recommendations for the amendment of the Shires and the Local Government Extension bills.

The convention decided that no land or property should be exempted from taxation, and that the existing franchise should not be changed.

In the House of Representatives yesterday the Redistribution Bill was read the second time.

It was stated during the debate that New South Wales would still gain and Victoria lose in Parliamentary representation under the bill.

An Electoral Bill introduced into the Senate provides that no redistribution shall take place until the general election after it is made.

The Legislative Assembly yesterday remitted the Illawarra and the Western Suburbs sewerage proposals to the Public Works Committee.

The Minister for Works submitted a motion for the construction of the North Coast railway at a cost of £2,697,320, spread over five years.

Mr. Carruthers, after long correspondence with Mr. Deakin, declined to allow the Agent-General to communicate direct with him regarding immigration.

The recent cold weather caused great mortality at the Zoo, one of the lions being amongst the victims.

Sir Frederick Darley stated yesterday that there were not half a dozen persons who thoroughly understood the Acts of Parliament relating to the land laws.

He declared that the laws were in a disgraceful state, and presented a perfect labyrinth, through which no one could safely steer his way.

Of the six races run at the A.J.C. meeting yesterday, three were won by New Zealand-bred horses.

Mr. Stead secured two events—the Grantham Stakes with Sun God, and the Wycombe Stakes with Isolt. Gladsome won the Craven Plate.

The Suburban Handicap was won by Araxes, and the Sydney Handicap by Elvo.

At the Royal Show luncheon at Adelaide, Sir George Le Hunte said that if the Northern Territory were properly utilised horse-breeding would not deteriorate.

In the course of a University extension lecture last night, Mr. J. H. Maiden said that if the forests were not conserved New South Wales would become a desert.

Mr. Schey has submitted a report stating that the efforts made to secure work for men at rabbiting, fossicking, etc., had been an absolute failure.

Most of the men broke their agreements, disposed of the material with which they were supplied, and avoided their obligations to the Government.

The Premier declared that the report disclosed a sorry state of affairs, and that the more men were made self-reliant the less unemployed there would be.

During the hearing of the Abby Palmer case yesterday, the master of the pilot steamer Captain Cook said that the schooner was never in danger off Bondi.

The Chamber of Mines, the Managers' Association, and the Chambers of Commerce in Western Australia are protesting against extra taxation on mining machinery.

Some workmen at North Botany yesterday discovered a human skeleton.

At Brisbane, Sarah Howden and Samuel Hannah were charged with the murder of the former's husband at Pinkenba.

In the Tasmanian Assembly, a motion was submitted expressing disapproval of reflections made by the Treasurer upon the Federal Parliament.

Members were very hostile to the Federal Parliament, and rejected the motion by 22 votes to 9.

A deputation asked the Premier to place money on the Estimates for grain sheds and loading appliances at Newcastle.

Mr. Carruthers said he had appointed a board of inquiry, and would deal with the matter sympathetically.

During the voyage of the Norwegian ship Otra from West Africa to Fremantle, the first mate was stricken down with fever, and the second mate died.

A "brush" occurred in No. 2 Jury Court yesterday, when Mr. G. H. Reid, who was suffering from a sprained knee, desired an adjournment.

Mr. Justice Pring would not adjourn until 10 minutes to 5, when he suddenly rose very angrily and left the Bench.

Mr. Reid said that in the whole course of his professional career he had never been treated in such a manner by the Bench.

Dr. Hicks Minister for Commerce and Labour in Western Australia, has been re-elected unopposed. The other Ministerial elections will take place to-day.

The Queensland Government has obtained permission to introduce the bill imposing a tax on landed estates over 2000 acres in area.

Robert Bull, a sailor on the Elizabeth Graham, fell from the upper fore topsail yard, struck the side of the vessel, and fell into the sea. He was rescued alive.

The Victorian railways had record earnings last car. After paying interest and expense, £648 was credited to the consolidated revenue.

The position in the Stock and Share market yesterday was steady.

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†OROYA....	6297	Jenks.....	Oct. 7	Oct. 10	Oct. 12
†ORTONA....	8000	Fletcher...	Oct. 21	Oct. 24	Oct. 26
*OPHIR....	6814	Kershaw...	Nov. 4	Nov. 7	Nov. 9
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T. PAYTEN'S NEWMARKET YARDS, RANDWICK,
TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, SEPT. 15th,
AT 2.30 P.M.,
UNTRIED STOCK, RACEHORSES, BROOD MARES, AND STALLIONS.
FOR PARTICULARS SEE YESTERDAY'S "HERALD" AND "TELEGRAPH."
WILLIAM INGLIS AND SON,
HEAD OFFICE, 244 PITT-STREET, SYDNEY.

INGLIS'S BAZAAR, THIS DAY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 sharp,
Vans, Spring Carts, Horses and Harness, Draught Horses, Tipcarts, Horses and Harness, and at 11 a.m., Horses and Vehicles of every description. Specially advertised. T., 1261.

STYLISH HOODED BULKY TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. Nowland, Richmond, to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.,
Bay Pony Gelding 4yrs., 14 hands, broken to saddle and harness, used to trams, hooded Bulky and Harness, in good order.

NEAT PONY BULKY TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. Thompson to sell by auction THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.,
Bay Pony, silver mane and tail, 13 hands (a pacer), very fast. Brass-mounted Bulky and Harness, making a splendid lot.

EXERCISE BULKY TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.,
BOY, Grey Gelding, quiet and reliable, Exercise Bulky and Harness, in good repair.

ABBOTT BUGGY TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. F. Fagan to sell by auction THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.,
Black Bay Gelding, 6yrs., 15.2, quiet and reliable in saddle and harness, trial given. Abbott Buggy and Harness, making a first-class turnout.

FIRST-CLASS BULKY TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.,
Chestnut Gelding, 15 hands, 6yrs., by Harold Childe, fast, stylish, and quiet for a lady to drive. Sporting Bulky with movable back and Funnell patent sliding seat, and B.M. Harness, making one of the best turnouts in the State.

Bay Trotting Pony Mare by Doncaster, full pedigree at sale, make a good brood mare; also Bay Draught Mare, any trial.

EXTRA HEAVY DRAUGHTS from CABRAMATTA.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. W. G. Turner, Cabramatta, to sell by auction THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
2 Very powerful heavy Draughts, mare and Gelding, 4 to 6yrs., thoroughly staunch and reliable, worthy of inspection, suitable for brewers or heavy carriers.

2 ACTIVE DRAUGHT HORSES.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
2 Active Draughts (mare and gelding), broken in and staunch, in hard feed condition, for position.

TO RACING MEN AND OTHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 12 o'clock,
RECORD, Bay Gelding, 5 yrs., 14.2 (full brother to Hayden), by Invermay from Music. Full parts at sale.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their RAILWAY YARDS, 827 GEORGE-STREET, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11 o'clock,
On account of Messrs. M'INTOSH BROS., D. BUFFIES, and other Owners,
50 First-class MILCH COWS, in full milk, with young calves at foot, from the best dairies in the Southern and Hunter districts.

FIRST-CLASS MILCH COWS AND HEIFERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mrs. OVENS, Young, to sell by auction, at their Railway Yards, 827 George-street, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock sharp,
Six first-class COWS and HEIFERS, newly calved, and described as being extra choice; worthy the attention of private gentlemen, dairyman, and others.

HORSES. HORSES. HORSES.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, AT 2 P.M.

EIGHTY-TWO HEAD.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, as above,
On account WESTERN AGENTS, Narromine.
30 Upstanding Van and General Business Cart Horses, all young, in good condition, broken and unbroken.

On account Mr. FRED. ANDREWS, Kingswood.
8 Splendid Horses, comprising 5 specially good Heavy Draughts, including two bearing the celebrated Weinholt brand, AWI, 5 years old, broad-backed Colt, bearing the BARB brand; the balance 3 good upstanding light Harness Horses.

On account ARMIDALE AGENTS.
25 High-class Horses, comprising 20 first-class Draughts, principally 4, 5, and 6 year olds, the balance Useful Polo Ponies and active Horses, suitable for van and springcart work, all in good condition, broken and unbroken.
Included in the lot is a specially good Pony by Blarney, 5 years old, untried. Pedigree at sale.

On account D. S. FAULKINER, Rock Abbey, Armidale.
20 Good Quality Light Horses, with substance, principally 4, 5, and 6 year olds, suitable for pony cob, sociable, and remount work.

On account Mr. J. NAPIER, Murrwillbrook.
8 Heavy Draught Colts, 4 years old, unbroken.

On account Mr. SAMUEL M'MINN, Lismore.
12 Useful Heavy and Medium Draught Horses, 4 to 6 years old, in splendid condition, broken and unbroken.

ST. MARYS CATTLE SALE,

SATURDAY NEXT, SEPTEMBER 16,
at 12 O'CLOCK.

200 HEAD. 200 HEAD.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, as above, when they will offer the following, viz.:—
70 Newly-calved Cows.
30 Springing Cows or Heifers.
15 Fat Cattle, from local paddocks.
20 Store Cows.
65 Head, comprising 35 Steers, from 1½ to 2 years old, the balance 10 Dairy Heifers, on the point of calving.
20 Head, consisting young Steers and Heifers, 9 to 12 months old.

On account of the BURRAWANG GRAZING COY.
30 Choice Springing Heifers, all bred from picked cows, and all in calf to pure Ayrshire Bull (a son of Rumley).
10 First-class Cows, in calf to a Milking Shorthorn Bull.

Also,
On account Mr. N. LAVERCOMBE, The Oaks.
150 First-class Dairy Heifers, 2 and 3 years old, bred by the leading breeders of the Picton and Camden districts.
IT IS VERY RARELY SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY IS THE ABOVE OCCURS TO PURCHASE REALLY GOOD DAIRY HEIFERS, AND BUYERS SHOULD NOT MISS IT.
1 Holstein Bull, about 4 years old.
1 Pure Jersey Bull, calf 3 months old.
4 3-bred Ayrs ditto ditto, 2 months.
Trains leaves Sydney for St. Marys on morning of Sale at 10.15, returning at 3.49 and 6.47 p.m.

THIS DAY, AT 2.30 P.M.
Next Balaclava Hotel, Buckland-street, Alexandria.
NORRISS and BLACKETT are instructed by Mr. C. Glasgow's well-known Pony Stallion, Harness, and "Stylish" Sulky.
Willow Cart, Horse, and Harness.
Rabbit Trapper's Outfit, Tent, Traps, Etc.
Auctioneers' offices: Newtown Bridge.

ALEXANDRIA TRAM STOPS AT DOOR.
THIS DAY, AT 2.30 P.M.
On Premises, next Balaclava Hotel, Buckland-st, Alexandria.
NORRISS and BLACKETT are instructed by Mr. Chas. E. Glasgow to sell the Household Furniture and Effects, comprising Oak and D. Bedsteads, Bedding, etc., Comb. Ch., Toilets, Washstands and Ware, Linen., Overmantel, Rugs, Collection of Oilpaintings, Chiff. Safe, Dresser, Tables, Dunner set, Ans. chairs, Cins., Blinds, Crockery, etc.; also his well-known Pony, Harness, and Sulky, a perfect turnout Village Cart, Horse, and Harness.
RABBIT TRAPPER'S OUTFIT, TENT, TRAPS, Etc.

BRITISH KING—FRANE BEEAN will sell by Auction, on SATURDAY, Sept. 16th, at his Saleyards, Rollongong, at 3 o'clock, the well-known Racehorse British King, by Gaulus—Rita, 5 years. Performance at sale.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY will sell, THIS DAY, at the Wool Saleroom, Macquarie-place, at 10.30,
Hats, Horns, and Bones.
And at 2.30 o'clock, Yellow.

SALES BY AUCTION will be held THIS DAY, by the Australian Mortgage, land, and Finance Co., Ltd.; Australian Estate and Co., Ltd.; Dalgety and Co., Ltd.; Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd.; Harrington, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.; Hill, Clark, and Co.; New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd.; Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd.; Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., as under:—
At the Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place: HAIR, HORNS, etc., at 10a.m.; TALLOW, at 2.30 p.m.

THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock.
On the premises, Marsden-street, Parramatta, adjoining Court House.
Unreserved Sale of SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, comprising Drawing, Dining, Kitchen, and Bed Room Furniture; also some good Plate, Pictures, and Vases.

E. P. PEARCE has received instructions from Inspector Morros, who is relinquishing housekeeping, to sell the whole of his Furniture,
ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT RESERVE.

WESTON'S EST., EAST HILLS, Bankstown.—Farm and Garden Areas, from 5 acres upwards. Easy Terms. Torrens. Lithos. TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, at the Rooms, 11.30, RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

STRATHFIELD—HOMEBUSH.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, 11 O'CLOCK.

Under instructions from Mr. J. T. SHAW, acting as Agent for the Vendor.
FOR UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION,
the Complete and Very Handsome
FURNISHINGS AND APPOINTMENTS
of that charming cottage known as
DAGWORTH,
HOMEBUSH and ALBERT ROADS,
occupied for years by Dr. Mander Jones, who is in Europe.

*** Trade and Private Buyers Please Note.
The Dining and Drawing Room Lots, 1 to 188, will be sold before lunch, which will be provided for buyers and their friends.

THE MAGNIFICENT BED LINEN, BLANKETS, QUILTS, and TABLE LINEN, Lots 1 to 64, will be sold from pantry, off kitchen, about 4 p.m.

The attention of Gentry furnishing in good taste, and the Musical Profession, is earnestly directed to this Sale of Superior, Well-kept Effects, comprising about 470 splendid lots.

SUPERB GERMAN WALNUT
PIANOFORTE,
by Lonser and Co., Frankfort, should be the object of special attention of buyers.
N.B.—Guaranteed in perfect order, equal new.
ALSO, THE UNIQUE
PIANISTA, OR PIANO PLAYER,
with 24 Rolls Classical and Popular Music. Is specially valuable to those unable to play by hand, and can be learnt in a few minutes.

SOLID WALNUT 8ft SIDEBOARD, of very handsome appearance and conveniently arranged, Cellarette, Drawers, Bevel Mirrors, etc.
VIENNA WALNUT DINING CHAIRS of superior manufacture and design.
SOLID WALNUT GENTN.'S and LADIES' CHAIRS.
MAGNIFICENT CHESTERFIELD LOUNGE, in choice Saddlebags and Green Velvet.
SPLENDID DINNER WAGGONS, BOOKCASE, BOOKS.
MARBLE TIMEPIECES.
COSTLY AND ELEGANT BRIC-A-BRAC.
SOLID AMERICAN ASH BEDROOM SUITE of specially handsome design and workmanship.
THE VERY SUPERIOR WELL-KEPT APPOINTMENTS of FOUR BEDROOMS and OUTOFFICES, in great variety—over 450 lots—and the Auctioneers confidently recommend their friends and numerous constituents to be present at this Sale.
DESCRIPTIVE BOOK CATALOGUES may be obtained from Mr. SHAW, Agent, Strathfield; or from the Auctioneers,
STRONGMAN AND WATSON,
OFFICES AT BURWOOD STATION,
Telephone, 230 B.

N.B.—Mr. Shaw has instructions to Let the Cottage at a reasonable rent. Choice Cottage, in lovely position.

THIS THURSDAY MORNING, AT 11,
REDFERN,
TO PARTIES ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A GOOD PROFITABLE INVESTMENT,
PRIVATE BUYERS, SPECULATORS, and Others,
FIRST-CLASS HAM AND BEEF BUSINESS
for SALE by PUBLIC AUCTION,
ON THE PREMISES,
15 REGENT-ST, near Cleveland-st, REDFERN,
Nickel and Marble Counter Scales, Avery's Standard Brass Counter Scales, Marble Counters, Marble Slabs Ham Stands, Showcards and Cases, Knives, Steels, Saws Fixtures, Fittings, 70 lb Butter Box, Iron Bins, Hooks Plate, W. Blinds, Inc. B'ners, Globe Lamps, Gen. Plat. Also Stock-in-Trade, Bac., Cheese, B'ter, Eggs, Honey Jams, P'kles, Sce., Tin, Teas, Misc. General Stock.
E. HEBDEN BRODRIBB,
under imperative instructions, will sell as above.
Terms at sale. THIS MORNING, at 11. On view up to hour of Sale.

FLINDERS-STREET, MOORE PARK.

IMPORTANT AND ATTRACTIVE UNRESERVED SALE of
HIGH-CLASS FURNITURE
VALUABLE FRENCH PIANOFORTE, TABLE PLATE, FINE LINEN and GENERAL EFFECTS,
TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, 15th, at 11 SHARP,
THE SUPERB APPOINTMENTS OF A LARGE 3-STORY RESIDENCE, containing
EXTENDED DINING, DRAWING, HALL, BREAKFAST, BALCONY, DOUBLE, SINGLE, and THREE-QUARTER BEDROOMS,
KITCHEN, YARD, and LAUNDRY,
all lavishly appointed and decorated throughout with Modern Furniture and General Household Appurtenances, including—
A Superb Rosewood, Check Action French PIANOFORTE, with all the most modern attributes of a fine instrument
Massive 9-Piece Drawing Suite, in Silk Tapestry on Solid Walnut
Rich Carpets and Window Drapes, Costly Ornaments
Valuable Walnut O'mantels of modern design and signalic proportions
Grand Solid Walnut Hall Stand, with Chairs en suite
Also a Minor Hall Stand, in No. 2 Hall
Beautiful Hanging Mirrors and Wall Decorations
Luxurious Dining Suite in Carved Walnut and Morocco
Conveniently arranged Modern Sideboard
Taylor's Eye Witness and Wain's Sheffield Cutlery and Handell T. Plate
Rattan, Bamboo, and Walnut Occ. Furniture
Dining Table and Chairs, Breakfast-room Appointments
The several Bedrooms are superbly furnished, including a very superior DOUBLE BEDROOM SUITE, carved in Walnut, with deep Cheval Mirrored Dressing Table and Black Marble and Egyptian Tile Washstand
2 Minor Suites of Superior Workmanship
Wardrobes, Toilet Pairs, Combinations, Toiletware
Some very fine Double and 3 Brass-mounted Bedsteads, in Parisian Brass, Steel and 1-Tester, fitted with best raised end wires and Kapoc Bedding, Nets, etc
Single Ditto complete as above
Kitchen, Yard, and Laundry, having all the necessary equipment for a well-conducted home, including—
A Beautiful 7-foot Glass-sliding Door Dresser, suitable for a large establishment or hotel, medium Gas Stove
Ordinary Utensils, almost new combination Grass-mower and Roller, 3 superior Iron and Oak Garden Seats.
Also a Pair of
Grand Exhibition Mammoth Pedestals and Jardinieres, standing 5 feet, cost £30, handsomely decorated in Terra Cotta.
E. HEBDEN BRODRIBB,
has received instructions to sell as above, without any Reserve, TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, at 11.
On view Morning of Sale.
Auctioneer's Rooms and Offices, 280 Elizabeth-st. Tel., 4268 city.

IMPORTANT PRELIMINARY NOTICE,
To JOB WAREHOUSEMEN, the TRADE, DEALERS, COUNTRY STOREKEEPERS, and OTHERS
ON THE LOOKOUT FOR CHRISTMAS LINES.
MONDAY NEXT, SEPTEMBER 18,
at 11 SHARP,
BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
the whole of the STOCK-IN-TRADE of JEWELLERY, GOLD and SILVER WATCHES, PLATEDWARE, FANCYGOODS, HARDWARE, CROCKERYWARE, and the GENERAL STOCK of a JOB WAREHOUSEMAN, on the PREMISES,
REGENT-STREET, REDFERN.
EVERY LINE ABSOLUTELY UNRESERVED.
On Account of the Owner Retiring, under Instructions from his Medical Adviser.
E. HEBDEN BRODRIBB
will sell as above. Detailed particulars later.

AUCTION SALE OF WATER COLOUR DRAWINGS.
THIS AFTERNOON, THURSDAY, AT 2.15,
CHARLES H. HARRIS and CO.'S. Ltd., ROOMS,
25 JAMESON-STREET, CITY.
The Collection includes Examples by
G. G. Kilburne, R.I., R.B.A.; F. W. Weedon, R.I., R.B.A.; Fred. Miller, E. St. John, Seymour Wilson, G. Aikman, A.R.S.A., G. Pyne, H. Johnson, Clarkson Stanfield, D. M'Kewan, Max Ludby, Leaden L. Pocock, R. A. K. Marshall, F. J. Aldridge, James Cafe, Members of the Dudley Gallery.
This Collection has just been received by Mrs. FLETCHER JOHNSTON direct from England.

CHARLES H. HARRIS AND CO., Ltd.,
FINE ART AUCTIONEERS.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 1 O'CLOCK,
AT 218A PITT-STREET (opposite Palace Theatre).
Cottage Piano, Harmonium, Brussels Carpets, Lace Curtains, Overmantel, Pictures, China Tea Set, Sideboard, Ex. Tables, Suite, Hall Curtains, Magnificent Brass Bedstead, Well-made Bedroom Suite, Carpet Squares, Linos, Oilcloths, Wire and 3 Bedsteads, Wardrobes, C. Chests, Dressers, Chairs, Tables, Fuel Stove, Bar Screen.
E. C. NEWBOULD,
Auctioneer and Valuator, will sell as above.

TO BUILDERS AND MACHINERY BUYERS.
IMPORTANT CLEARANCE AUCTION SALE,
By order of D. M'INTYRE, Master Builder, Elizabeth-street, Paddington
(who is relinquishing business in the city).
JAMES COWAN
has received instructions to sell at the above address, in lots to suit buyers—
HAIGH'S 36in HAND PLANER, with counter shaft.
IRON CIRCULAR SAW BENCH, with counter shaft
VERTICAL SPINDLE CIRCULAR MLDG. MACHINE
2 GRINDSTONES, CARPENTERS' BENCHES
YANKEE DERRICK TRESTLES, LADDERS, SCAFFOLD PLANKS
FIRE and BURGLAR PROOF SAFE, 20in x 20in x 28in
SCAFFOLD PLANKS, 2-ton TANGYE DIFF. BLOCKS
ASSortment of TIMBER, BUILDING MATERIALS and SUNDRIES.
TERMS CASH. NO RESERVE.

CLEARANCE AUCTION SALE OF SURPLUS BUILDING MATERIALS.
ON SATURDAY NEXT, Sept. 16, at 2 P.M.,
At No. 57 MORRIS-ST, SUMMER HILL,
UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM W. B. LECHIE, Master Builder.
JAMES COWAN
has received instructions to sell IN LOTS TO SUIT PURCHASERS,
BANK COUNTERS, DESKS, OFFICE FITTINGS,
Cedar and Pine Doors, Casements, SASHES and FRAMES,
BAR ENTRANCE DOORS, SANITARY FITTINGS, GAS FITTINGS,
ASSORTED TIMBERS, GALV. IRON, GRATES and MANTELS, and SUNDRIES. TERMS CASH.

WESTON'S EST., EAST HILLS, Bankstown.—Farm and Garden Areas, from 5 acres upwards. Easy Terms. Torrens. Lithos. TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, at the Rooms, 11.30, RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

THIS SATURDAY, SEPT. 16, THIS SATURDAY,
ON THE GROUND, AT 3.
***THE GREAT AUCTION SALE OF THE NEW MODEL SUBURB.
THE NORTHCOTE ESTATE, DOBROYDE.
152 MAGNIFICENT BUILDING SITES.
ABBOTSFORD TRAM STOPS AT ESTATE. LEAVE TRAM AT WATTLE-STREET.
HANDY to ASHFIELD RAILWAY STATION and HABERFIELD FERRY.
LIBERAL BONUSES and CONDITIONS. SEND FOR PLAN.
RICKARD'S EASY TERMS.
Only £2 per Lot deposit, and £1 per month. Interest only 5 per cent. per annum, charged on quarterly balances.
FREE TRAM FROM QUAY AT 2.5. TICKETS AT OUR OFFICE.
ARTHUR RICKARD and CO., LTD., AUCTIONEERS, 84B PITT-STREET.

WOOLLAHRA.
THIS MORNING,
at 11.30 o'clock.
IMPORTANT AND UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION, AT
"LINCOLN,"
WAVERLEY-ROAD, WOOLLAHRA
(close to Queen-street Entrance to Centennial Park).
Of
ARTISTIC AND MODERN HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS,
which are equal to new, having been in use only a few months, comprising
UPRIGHT GRAND PIANOFORTE, "THE GEISHA," in Walnut Case, in perfect order.
DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, in Bamboo, with Cushions.
CARPET SQUARES.
LINOLEUMS, OVERMANTELS, and ORNAMENTS.
MASSIVE SIDEBOARD, richly carved handsome pillars, bevelled plateglass back, cupboard and cellarette.
SOLID WALNUT DINING-ROOM SUITE.
EXTENSION DINING TABLE, BOOKCASE (richly carved).
HANDSOME BEDROOM SUITE with specially made DRESSING TABLE, swinging plateglass mirrors.
D. and S. BEDSTEADS and BEDDING.
COMBINATION CHESTS.
WASHSTANDS and WARE.
KITCHEN and LAUNDRY UTENSILS.
RALEIGH GAS STOVE.
SINGER SEWING MACHINE, in good order.
WALTER RUSH AND CO.,
AUCTIONEERS and VALUATORS,
having been favoured with instructions from the owner, who is returning to the country, will sell as above.
*** OPEN FOR INSPECTION PRIOR TO SALE.
THE PROPERTY to Let. Apply to THE AUCTIONEERS.

NEWTOWN.
TO-MORROW, FRIDAY,
15th SEPTEMBER,
AT 11 O'CLOCK.
UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION,
on the premises,
413 KING-STREET, NEWTOWN,
under instructions from
ALBERT BORCHARD, Esq., ACCOUNTANT
in the Assigned Estate of Samuel Thompson.
THE WHOLE OF THE SALVAGE STOCK
of
GROCERIES, OILMEN'S STORES,
TEAS, Etc.
S. H. HARRIS AND COMPANY
have received instructions from ALBERT BORCHARD, Esq., Accountant, in the ASSIGNED ESTATE of Samuel Thompson, to SELL the above, WITHOUT RESERVE, on the PREMISES, 413 KING-STREET, NEWTOWN, TO-MORROW FRIDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER, at 11 o'clock.

TO DEALERS, PRIVATE BUYERS, AND OTHERS.
HYAM HAINS have received instructions from the Proprietor to sell by Public Auction, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11 a.m., on the premises, No. 1 Charles-street, Redfern, off Bourke-street, the whole of his HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS.
Sideboard, Overmantels, Suite
Pictures, Ornaments, Glassware
Loo, Dining, Kitchen, and Toilet Tables, Whatnots
Bedsteads, Drawers, W. and Ware
Chairs, Carpets, Lino., Oilcloth
Miscellaneous Furniture, Laundry Utensils
Sundries, etc. etc.
Every line submitted must be sold.
NO RESERVE. TERMS, CASH.
HYAM HAINS, Licensed Auctioneer and Valuator, 243 Pitt-street. 'Phone, 2347.

THIS DAY, AT 3.
MIDDLETON and CO. sell by Auction, at No. 170 George-st W., Handsome, Well-toned Walnut Piano, large Sideboard, 2 Suites, Cedar Dining Table, Bookcase, Bedsteads, Bedding, Handsome Bedroom Suite, Dresser, Crockery, Pictures, etc. No Res.
THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 2 o'clock.—HENRY LEVY will sell by auction, at 125 Regent-st.
Clothing, O'clothing, Boots, Furn., Bedsteads, W.Ms., Tables, Chairs, Safes, and Sundries. No Reserve.

RICKARD'S GREAT SPRING AUCTIONS.
ABSOLUTE REALISATION SALES.
ON THE GROUND.
SATURDAY NEXT.—THE NORTHCOTE ESTATE, DOBROYDE. The new Model Suburb. 152 Lots, on Abbotsford Tramline. 5 weekly deposit and £1 monthly. Liberal bonuses and concessions. Special Free Tram from Quay at 2.5.
SATURDAY, SEPT. 23.—THE EARLEWOOD ESTATE, 11 MILES FROM CANTERBURY RAILWAY STATION. Lots and Blocks up to 5 acres for Dairy, Pig, or Poultry Farms. Grand position, Wolli Creek, at rear Earlewood. From £1 dept. and 10s monsh.
EIGHT HOUR DAY.
MONDAY, OCT. 2.—THE GREAT SALE AT NEWPORT, PITTWATER. "SCOTT'S GREEN POINT ESTATE," absolute water frontages, Business and Residence Lots, over 4 acres, and Farm Blocks 2 to 11 acres, rich soil. Beautiful Scenery. Special Steamer and Buses.
SATURDAY, OCT. 7.—PYMBLE VIEW ESTATE, TURRAMURRA, Elevation 700ft. Choice Blocks, 2 to 15 acres. Sites for Residences, Orchards, etc. Rich soil.
SATURDAY, OCT. 14th.—The "LAST AUCTION" of the BEAUTIFUL "TENNYSON ESTATE." Residence Sites and Farm Blocks. Lovely River Views.
SATURDAY, OCT. 21.—"THE RICHLAND ESTATE," BELMORE. The Market Gardeners' chance. THE RICHEST SOIL in the STATE. Lots and Blocks ½ acre to 5 acres.
MONDAY, NOV. 13.
KING'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY. "THE SORRENTO ESTATE," WOY WOY. Water Frontages, Lots and Blocks, ½ acre to 5 acres. Not Leasehold but Torrens.
All for SALE on the LAND. All Torrens Title. And of course on RICKARD'S EASY TERMS of from £1 deposit and 10s per month.
Full particulars, plans, and Books of Views, etc, at office.
All of these Estates are being fully advertised in the press.
ARTHUR RICKARD and CO., Ltd., Auctioneers, 84B Pitt-street.

GREENWICH, ONLY 3 MINUTES FROM THE WHARF.
Rare Chance for those in search of WATER-FRONTAGE RESIDENCE, and particularly to YACHTING MEN.
PROPERTY KNOWN AS "READING,"
with permanent and uninterrupted views of the harbour, Parramatta and Lane Cove Rivers.
FOR AUCTION, ON THE GROUND, NEXT SATURDAY, AT 4 P.M.
HUGH DUFF and CO., Auctioneers, 282 GEORGE-STREET.

TO TRUSTEES, INVESTORS, AND SPECULATORS.
EXCELLENT SHOP AND COTTAGE INVESTMENTS, in the Progressive and Popular Suburbs of
MOSMAN AND KENSINGTON.
FOR POSITIVE SALE, on account of owner's departure from the Colonies, on the
THURSDAY, 28th SEPTEMBER, AT 11.30 A.M.
MOSMAN, AVENUE-ROAD, on the tramline, and almost opp. Public School.—THREE SPLENDID SHOPS, 2 have dwellings of 5 ROOMS and offices, other Shop is occupied by Hugh Duff and Co. as their Mosman's Branch.
LAND has frontage of 49ft 9in by depth varying to 150ft to Gas, water, and sewer. ANNUAL RENTS, £156.
MOSMAN, RAGLAN and MILNER STREETS, opp. ST. CLEMENT'S CHURCH, 2 min. from tram, and easy walking to the ferry.—BEST RESIDENTIAL LOCALITY. "KILLARNEY," "ROSEMEATH," "DALWHINNIE," 3 attractive Brick Cottages, each 6 rooms, kitchen, and all offices. ALMOST NEW. ANNUAL RENTS, £126 10s.
KENSINGTON, corner EASTERN-AVENUE and DOWLING-STREET, 2d tram stops at the door.—FINE CORNER and GOOD-LETTING PROPERTY. 3 ALMOST NEW BRICK COTTAGES, detached, each contains 5 rooms, kitchen, and all usual offices; also stabling.
CORNER HAS SHOP ATTACHED.
ANNUAL RENTALS, £137 16s.
In each case we can arrange for a good proportion of purchase money to remain on Mortgage at low rates of interest.
HUGH DUFF and CO. have received instructions from the owner, on account of his immediate departure from the State, to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, at their SALEROOMS, 282 GEORGE-STREET, on THURSDAY, 28th SEPTEMBER, at 11.30 A.M.,
THE ABOVE IMPORTANT PROPERTIES.

ORDER OF SALE
OF CITY AND SUBURBAN PROPERTIES AND SHARES,
to be offered at the Rooms, 113 Pitt-street,
THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11.30 a.m.
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THIRD (CRAVEN PLATE) DAY.

GLADSOME WINS THE PRINCIPAL EVENT.

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The Australian Jockey Club's Spring racing carnival was advanced another stage yesterday in delightful weather. For an "off day" the attendance was very good, and numbered about 10,000. The track, considering the exceptionally dry conditions, and the amount of hard galloping to which it had been subjected, was in first-class order, and the times were again fast. The racing was again of the most interesting kind, and the public generally were in favour of the public. New Zealand horses were again to the fore. Mr. Stead's representatives accounting for two races, while another winner Gladsome, although running for a Victorian owner, was also bred in the island colony. The sport was free from mishap, but several runners engaged the attention of the stewards during the day. After the Suburban Handicap had been run a protest was lodged against Arasee for crossing Royal Arthur at the distance, but after investigation the matter was decided in the winner's favour. In connection with the same event, the jockeys J. Rosen and A. E. Cornwell were suspended for a month for crossing the course in front of the other horses some after the start. Following late at the post for the Wycombe Stakes the jockey, Mr. H. L. Mackellar, was fined £5. Mr. De Groen's Victorian Band was ordered on the track, and added to the afternoon's enjoyment. The arrangements again worked smoothly, under the direction of Mr. E. B. Evans and his staff.

DRESSES AND ATTENDANCE.

Many pretty dresses were worn, and were seen to greater advantage than on either of the previous days of the meeting. The crowd was not, on large, however, such plain and embroidered, every variety of muslin, trimmed either with Valenciennes lace or broderie Anglaise, were much in evidence, whilst there were also demi-saison dresses of taffetas, voiles, foulards, and voiles, and the three-quarter cream and fawn coats were largely worn late in the afternoon. Mrs. Potter wore a handsome delicate shaded cream of brick crochet with her white linen dress, which was much admired, and her white toque was relieved with pale green. Mrs. Burdekin's ivory white cloth was trimmed with silk braid, and worn with a white toque with a pale blue feather and touches of black. Miss Burdekin wore rose pink muslin and a dark brown hat with a red crest. Mrs. Brown was in dark blue, with hat to match. Mrs. H. W. Knox wore black ivory white, and a black hat with white feathers. The Misses Majorie and Kathryn Knox chose white muslins. Mrs. Napier's pale ivory tweed was worn with a white hat and white feather boa. Mrs. Adrian Knox wore a white and red mottled muslin with a small black hat. Miss Adrian Mackillaway was in pale blue, with fur to match. Miss Dulie Blomfield wore white muslin with a black hat and feathers. Mrs. Blomfield wore a black and white check, with fur on the back, with white wings. Mrs. Hamilton Gordon's black dress had a handsome guipure over pink crepe de chine. Mrs. J. Allen was in dark blue. Mrs. S. Miller chose pale blue. Mrs. Ingram wore a grey tweed skirt, Mrs. Towns's white and heliotrope mixed muslin was worn with a toque to match. Mrs. Josephson's black lace was embroidered with jet. Madeira work and insertion had made pale blue muslin very effective. Mrs. Hayden chose a striped flannel trimmed with bebeline cross bands. Mrs. Hughes chose a striped linen dress, with a cream jacket with pink roses. Mrs. Lennerton's white taffeta was worn with a black hat, trimmed with white wings and touches of white. Mrs. Chatfield was in black with a white spot. The Misses Meiklejohn wore white muslin, and a black and white jacket.

Amongst those present were: Sir Robert Duff, Mrs. W. L. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. S. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fairfax, Mr. and Mrs. Prentice, Captain Vallance, Mr. and Mrs. F. Allen, Sir Arthur Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, and the Misses Knox, Mr. and Mrs. Towns and the Misses Towns, Mrs. Cullen Stephen, Mr. and Mrs. W. Laing, Mrs. Capp, Mrs. Flood, Mrs. P. Owen, Mr. and Mrs. Captain Wilson, Captain Robertson Clark, Mr. and Mrs. J. Brunton, Mr. and Mrs. Moss-wing, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Osborne and Miss Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. H. Levy, Mr. and Mrs. Lantlan McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Knox, Mr. Faithfull, Miss Johnson, Captain and Mrs. Trevor Harrison, Colonel and Mrs. H. L. Mackenzie, Major and Mrs. Macdonald-Mrs. Williams, Mr. P. Osborne, Mrs. Major, Mrs. G. H. Levy, Miss Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Torrh, Mr. and Mrs. R. Fraser, Mr. Kendall, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Joubert, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Joubert, Richard Mr. Marcus Mr. and Mrs. Richard, Mr. and Mrs. F. Wilkinson, Mrs. Gorton King and Miss King, Miss Mary Anderson, Miss Dowling, Miss Hoyt, Miss Dowling, Dr. Mackellar, Mr. and Mrs. Hayden, Mr. and Mrs. Bullard, Mr. William, Mr. A. Johnson, Miss Kinsey, Mr. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. Flint-Shipton and Miss Cave, Mr. H. Allen, Mr. Raymond Chandler, Mr. Mr. Mrs. Mr. Mrs. Mullens, Mr. E. Browne, Mr. Blundell, Mr. and Mrs. Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Mr. Mrs. Meiklejohn, Mrs. Lamond, Mr. and Mrs. Mr. Mrs. Mr. Mrs. Mr. Mrs. Mr. Mrs. Mr. Mrs. Mr. Grimwade, Mr. Harcourt, Mr. Cullen Cahill, and Mr. W. Allen.

THE RACING.

The light-class character of the sport of the preceding days was fully upheld on the last day, and again the New Zealanders were in evidence, the more failing to their share. In the second race Arasee proved the favourite in the Craven Plate, but the lucky weight here imitated in the field, but the colt having considerably whipped one of his hind legs on homebridge whipped one of his hind legs on homebridge Mr. Stead reduced representation in connection with the current results.

The second event, the Second Hurdle Race, for which the contributors had dwindled down to five, had Durango was made the great favourite, Oriole and Meddle sharing second favouritism, while Gainsborough was hot favoured. Chapon and Meddle on terms ex- the pace for the first half of the journey, but on the final straight, and, as to lead a current, his place was taken by Gainsborough, who, in his pace, past the sole pair, and along the bank to the said Durango, Gainsborough and Durango had battled it out in front, then the first named on the post Gainsborough by a neck, Durango third in the dead, and at the half-mile post Durango was at the head of the field. Coming round the bend Schiavador dropped back, and his place was taken by Durango, who with Oriole on terms, swept into the straight, and the pair for the final obstacle together, and soon on the far, Oriole forged ahead, and though the favourite was gradually gaining on her, she could only reach the throat latch of the winner of Oriole.

The candidates for the Craven Plate were reduced to five, the New Zealanders, Nathina Gem and Mashington, having been left in to represent Arasee with Lucky Gladsome, and Mr. Marcus Love. While the Victorians stable was not represented. Gladsome had the call in the market, with Eight next to demand, being closely up to the quotations by Mashington for second honours, while long prices could be had about the other two. Nathina Gem and Mashington made play, the former having a slight advantage, and with Arasee on clear the field to the five furlongs post. Here Mashington had settled out of it, and Eight ran up level with Marketeer Gem, headed him in a few strides, and left for the run home. Gladsome was then lying fourth, but with Arasee on the outside, and Lucky Gem and Mashington between them, the latter was the first to show in front, and Marcus Love with a brilliant run Gladsome was up sides with Eight and Marcus Love at the half furlong, and passing Delmar's daughter finishing with considerable gameness, gained the judge's verdict by a very narrow neck from Eight and Marcus Love, while Mashington and Machine Gun were beaten off. The performance was a brilliant one on the part of Gladsome, whose return to the weighing enclosure was greeted with cheers.

The suburban Handicap attracted a field of a dozen, Arasee and Royal Arthur receiving most attention from backers on the first named had a slight call in the market, while Gracchus and Sunderland were the only misers located with confidence. Metaphor, escorted by Reddish, set out the work until fairly in line for home, where Arasee, Reddish, and Royal Arthur were bunched just in his wake, and Sunderland, who had been running in the rear all the time, forthright pace, but in the meantime had made up a deal of leeway, was coming very fast on the outside. As the distance was reached Metaphor melted out of it, leaving Arasee in charge from Royal Arthur and Sunderland, and, though the latter made a bold bid for victory, Arasee carried too many guns, and won by half a length. On returning to scale a protest was lodged against the winner by the rider of Royal Arthur, on the ground of crossing over the distance, but after hearing evidence the objection was dismissed.

The Hranchem Stakes was rated the best of good things for the New Zealand colt Sir Robert Duff, who was opposed by Hermit, Jarpoon, and Golden Lad. There was practically no betting on the race, the favourite closing out at 1 to 4, and the top of Kuttiflam never left the issue in doubt.

The Valedictory Stakes was again successful for the Wycombe Stable, Mashington and Lucky Dell, who was pitted to measure strides with Eight, Marcus Love, Machine Gun, and Nathina Gem, and when the field had settled down to race in hunted for the front, setting at a pace of five lengths daylight to the first half-furlong post, and that advantage until the half-mile post had been cut behind. Then the field began to close up, and at the five furlongs Eight and Marcus Love had joined issue with the leader, but when the half-mile post was reached Machine Gun had come to the front, and Mashington was right with Valedictory, and Lucky Dell with Nathina Gem, and Eight and Marcus Love in the rear. Machine Gun was beaten off at the distance, leaving Arasee at the head of affairs, and Mashington and Valedictory, Nathina Gem, and Arasee battling at a hand and hand finish, Mashington and Valedictory getting home by a head, and Nathina Gem a bad last. Time, 2m 38s.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

The President took the chair at 4.30 p.m.

SMOKE NUISANCE ABATEMENT.

On the motion of Mr. Brunker, leave was given to bring in a bill to amend the Smoke Nuisances Abatement Act, 1902. The bill was brought in and read the first time.

NEGLECTED CHILDREN AND JUVENILE OFFENDERS BILL.

This bill was read the third time, and returned to the Assembly as amendment. On the motion of Mr. Brunker, it was made an order of the day for the next sitting day for the consideration of clause 2 (sub-clause 3) being considered.

MORE VALE CATTLE SALE YARDS BILL.

On the motion of Mr. Brunker this bill was read the second time and passed through committee without amendment.

The bill was read the third time.

BOROUGH OF BRUNTON NAMING BILL.

Mr. ROBSON moved the second reading of this bill, and after discussion, during which Mr. Brunker opposed the measure, it was agreed to, on division, by 21 to 14.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House at 5.35 p.m. adjourned till 4 o'clock on Wednesday next.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

The Speaker took the chair at half-past 4 o'clock.

BOXING EXHIBITIONS.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY, in answer to Mr. Booth, said that his attention had been drawn to the matter of boxing exhibitions, and it had been reported to him that on the occasion of the last exhibition in Sydney, which was under police supervision, and as a matter of fact the police were present, the contestants were

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RUBY WEDDINGS.

WILCOX—BAGLEY.—September 14, 1905, at All Saints', Fulham, Middx., by the Rev. R. C. May, George, son of the late Richard Wilcox, to Louisa Annie, daughter of the late Joshua Bagley. Present address, Rosmore, Liverpool. Home papers please copy.

DEATHS.

DEAN.—September 13, at 46 Station-street, Newtown, Edward Dean, beloved husband of Catherine Dean, aged 76 years. Home papers please copy.

GIBBON.—September 12, at Picton, Edward P. W. Macaulay, the dearly loved and only son of Mrs. Jessie Gibbon and the late E. P. Gibbon, of Leeds, England, and grand-nephew of Sir William Mac-Arthur. Leeds and Auckland papers please copy.

HALLIDAY.—September 13, at his residence, 48 Prince-street, Robert Halliday, aged 66 years.

ISAACS.—September 12, at Katoomba, Reginald Sydney, second youngest son of Lewis and M. A. Isaacs, of Neutral Bay, aged 12 years and 2 months.

PIRNIE.—September 13, 1905, at his late residence, Sorrell-street, Parramatta, David Pirnie, in his 45th year.

REEVE.—September 13, 1905, at her residence, 67 Albion-street, Surry Hills, Ellen Letitia (Nellie), beloved wife of John Reeve, and second youngest daughter of the late James McNally, of Numbu. Shoalhaven, aged 36 years. R.I.P.

SEPPEL.—At his daughter's residence, The Wattles, Croydon, John Seppel, late of Grenfell, aged 77.

STYLES.—September 8, 1905, at Balmain Hospital, George Mildenhall Styles, the beloved and only child of John Mildenhall Styles, aged 29 years. At rest.

IN MEMORIAM.

ANDERSON.—In loving memory of my dear wife, Mary Jane Anderson, who departed this life September 14, 1903. Dead, but not forgotten. Inserted by her loving husband, J. Anderson.

ANDERTON.—In loving memory of my beloved husband, John Anderton, who departed this life on September 14, 1902. Inserted by his loving wife, Rose Anderton. Gone but not forgotten.

ANDERTON.—In loving memory of our loving son-in-law, John Anderton, who departed this life September 14, 1902. Inserted by his loving father and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. Warch. Gone but not forgotten.

CUMMING.—In loving memory of my dear husband, David Cumming, who died September 14, 1900, aged 35 years.

DAVISON.—In affectionate remembrance of our beloved son and brother, Charles Ronan Davison, who was found burned to death at Coonabarabran September 14, 1904, aged 21 years. Inserted by his mother, sisters, and brothers. Though lost to sight to memory dear.

DELEHUNT.—In loving memory of our darling son, Charles Roy, who departed this life September 14, 1904, aged 7 years 9 months. Inserted by his loving parents, brother, and sister. Joe and Nellie Delehunt (Dillon).

No more upon this earth we'll see
That dear and loving face,
There is no one in this wide world
Can fill our Roy's place.

MURRAY.—In sad but loving memory of my dear husband Arthur J. Murray, who died September 14, 1907. Inserted by his affectionate wife and children, Mrs. Murray.

SMITH.—In memory of Robert Smith, who was drowned off Norah Head on September 14, 1904. Dead, but not forgotten. Inserted by his sincere friend, Kate Woods.

RETURN THANKS.

Mr. F. MILLER, 61 Rowntree-street, Balmain, desires to return THANKS to all kind friends and sympathisers for cards, floral tributes, and all expressions of sympathy received in his sad bereavement.

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CHARITIES, PENSIONS, AND GRATUITIES.

One of the most difficult items in the Estimates, if the various sections of relief be taken together, is the charities vote. It stands for disbursement along lines which seem hard to control; and any study of the statistics dealing with the matter shows that New South Wales stands pre-eminent among the States for its liberality. Coghlan notes, for instance, that while the whole of the Commonwealth in 1903 spent £1,382,790 on hospitals, benevolent asylums, orphanages, and poor relief generally, this State was responsible for £503,900, or 37 per cent. of the whole. Our hospitals, for instance, numbered 128, against Victoria's 53, and our expenditure on them was £211,115, against £166,548; and the other items of charitable outlay are in proportion. In the statement of accounts tabled by the Treasurer on Tuesday night the amount of outlay on charities generally for the financial year 1904-5 is given at a little under four hundred thousand pounds, and no doubt a firm hand is being kept upon expenditure in this direction. The Estimates for the current year, however, show advances, and it seems not unlikely that the cost of our hospitals, asylums, and of poor relief at large will be substantially the same as before. We do not argue that the Government is not trying hard to keep this branch of its responsibility under control. The point is that under the head of pensions, gratuities, and charities a full million sterling was spent last year, and the outlook for the current year is that the amount will be exceeded. Old-age pensions are creeping up, the votes for asylums for the infirm and for State children are greater than before, and the demands for relief in other directions are multiplying. Mr. Carruthers will point to the reduction between recent years and the last twelve months, and he is entitled to every credit for what he has done. Moreover, he has inherited difficulty. But he trembles when he contemplates reform in the face of a hostile and determined Labour party, backed as it is by a small section of so-called Independents, who would defy the country if it dared.

What the public feels about this million, which represents so large a proportion of the whole amount expended in the year, is that more light would be welcome. Here is a department of Government responsibility which needs the most masterful management. It is a question of business grip, and of ability at its best and strongest, and if there is a disposition "to let things slide," to use a colloquialism, in the general control of the Public Service, the evil is bound to be more rampant in the direction where influence and sympathy count for so much. We do not challenge the work done by, say, the officers in charge of our asylums and charitable institutions, except as the whole system under which they work may be open to criticism. The point is that one cannot contemplate the expenditure of a million of money on pensions, gratuities, and charities, without the conviction that there must be room for much greater economy than the Government seems able to compass. Mr. Carruthers may contend that he is doing his best, that the problem is so complicated as to defy solution on purely business lines, and that the savings already effected should satisfy reasonable men and women. But the question is whether an inquiry by some of our shrewdest and most reasonable business men would not discover ways of dealing with this matter which would open the eyes of Ministers. Would it not be well boldly to attack the problem from the viewpoint of public inquiry? Parliament might give this matter its gravest consideration, for we are sure that the reform everybody is waiting for will receive substantial reinforcement as all possible light is let into our methods of disbursing charity and granting pensions.

THE LOAN OUTLOOK.

The State Treasurer in his financial statement on Tuesday night let it be seen that he had no misgivings as to the best policy to pursue in respect to further loans. In the current year he proposes to raise £1,500,000, so that when next June ends the liabilities of the State will have reached a total of £85,000,000 or thereabouts; but as there is plenty of money to be obtained locally, and much work is to be done, he has no misgivings. There was no note in the Budget speech of any such idea as Mr. Kidston's in Queensland Treasurer, has voiced. The northern State believes in a policy of no borrowing for the present, and this plank in our own reform platform seems to have little chance of realisation. It is, of course, a continuation of the policy which Mr. Waddell and his colleagues took to the country, and were so badly beaten upon. Mr. Carruthers will insist, no doubt, that the circumstances to-day are entirely different. The country has been blessed with a return of good seasons, the revenue is buoyant, the banks are bursting with money, our home creditors cannot resent local borrowing with its suggestion of local confidence; and if loans can be floated cheaply on the local market the Treasurer argues that he is entitled to go ahead. Moreover he is being urged to build railways, carry out irrigation schemes, re-purchase great estates, provide for immigration on a large scale, and generally to show himself capable of progressive measures. The State is full of undeveloped wealth; and anything that enables the people in it to get more work, and gives them better prospects must be for the public welfare. Such a statement of the position may be full of platitude, but it is certainly plausible, and doubtless it will commend itself to business men who see how easily at the present moment a progressive works policy may be financed.

We will allow, for the sake of argument, that there is plenty of money to be obtained on the local market at a reasonable rate. It is a fact, we believe, that the Australian banks have something like £30,000,000 realisable in London. The Commonwealth in fact has lent money to the mother country, and the paradox deserves a special note under the circumstances. Why should not we take advantage of the position and use our own money? The question may reasonably be asked, we admit; and we recognise the necessity for carrying out works to develop the country. But there is a proviso. If reform were realised along the lines laid down at the last general election there would be something available from revenue to push forward public works. It seems absurd to suggest that, with something like £11,500,000 coming into the Treasury year after year, a determined and capable Treasurer cannot find a substantial sum for this purpose without having to go on the local market. Any reminder of the transferred departments, of the revenue raised by this State for the Commonwealth in addition to what is acknowledged in the State Budget, should be superfluous. As compared with what the State found five years ago, the present gross revenue should suffice for all our wants. But the great point is that this plethora of local money points rather to lack of local confidence than to abounding prosperity. If there were confidence, if business men were doing all they might, and all they should be doing, the Treasurer would have to fight for his footing instead of being invited to help himself. He may argue that he is quite entitled to take the line of least resistance. But reformers claim, and claim rightly, that the State is still in need of the most strenuous economy. On Mr. Carruthers's own showing the future lies black ahead of us. We cannot tell when we may need every shred of our reserves of credit both at home and abroad, and to add to our loan obligations does not square either with common sense or necessity.

THE TRANSAUSTRALIAN RAILWAY.

South Australia finds herself between two fires with her continental railway projects. When Sir Langdon Bonython asked his leading question in the House of Representatives a little more than a week ago about the national and federal importance of the line from Oodnadatta towards Port Darwin he perhaps forgot the obligations which his State had assumed regarding another proposed line. If that was really so, the answers given by the South Australian Premier in the State Parliament to some questions by Mr. V. L. Solomon, coming after and taken with the reminder of Mr. Mahon in the House of Representatives on September 5, must have considerably surprised Sir Langdon Bonython. These two statements, with a letter written by Sir Frederick Holder when Premier of South Australia in February, 1900, and read in the House of Representatives on September 7, go to prove that South Australia is under a special bond to the Commonwealth in regard to the Kalgoorlie-Port Augusta railway and one which appears to outweigh any preferences that State may have for the Port Darwin extension. Of course it is understood that South Australia has a special weakness in this direction. An ocean mail route to Port Darwin, and thence to Adelaide direct by rail, would be something more than a convenience, always provided that the communication remained direct and unbroken by branch connections with Brisbane or Sydney. The Prime Minister was only invited to sanction a survey, and to suggest the further assistance his Government might be willing to afford South Australia in the matter; and some disquiet seems to have been caused by his favourable rejoinder on condition that the proposal might be coupled with one for the acquisition of the Northern Territory by the Commonwealth. But Mr. Deakin has shown his customary aptitude for facing a difficult situation by complimenting both the continental railway projects with the assurance that they are each of the greatest Federal importance.

This display of almost too transparent tact on his part, Mr. Deakin describes as dealing with the difficulty from the Commonwealth standpoint. But it does not advance either project much, nor does it help South Australia out of her predicament. According to the replies given Mr Solomon, in the Assembly, the then Premier bound himself to introduce a bill in the Parliament of his State to give formal assent to the Kalgoorlie connection by the Federal authority, and to pass it stage by stage with the Western Australian Parliament. That promise was given, as the letter itself, read by Mr. Mahon on September 7, showed, direct to the Premier of the western colony, in reply to a conversational suggestion that South Australia might block a Federal measure by refusing consent under section 34 of clause 51 of the Commonwealth Bill. When the Jenkins Ministry was in power during the following year, Sir Frederick Holder having in the meantime been absorbed by Federal politics, that Government supported the promised undertaking on condition that the lines entered Western Australia at a point from 40 to 60 miles north of Eucla. Two years later Mr. Jenkins repeated his promise, subject to the conditions that the line ran through Tarcoola to Port Augusta, that it used a 3ft 6in gauge, and that South Australia was indemnified for ten years against loss by Western Australia by an act of that State's Legislature. The last condition was in no sense a vexatious one, for the Premier of Western Australia had already offered this indemnity. The interest of the federation in the matter favours the carrying out of this compact on several grounds, besides that of Federal good faith. Such a line would bind east and west closer together, and unify the Federation. It would connect the Commonwealth directly with the first touching-point of the great ocean-mail lines, and it would play a large part in the defence of the Commonwealth if that necessity should ever arise.

LANDLORD AND TENANT.

The course of the debates in the Legislative Assembly on Mr. Holman's proposed amendments on the Landlord and Tenant Act has been followed with much public interest, as well as the proceedings of the select committee appointed to report on the proposed alterations. There is no doubt that the existing measure is open to objection from both sides, and the question is one which at some point or other is bound to touch nearly every member of the community. But it is just because the interests are so varied, and because they overlap, that it is necessary to proceed with care. The evidence taken before the select committee showed that there were at least two sides to nearly every question raised, but that on the whole a considerable margin existed at present for some injustice and not a little hardship. But it is fairly evenly distributed. If the landlord is at the mercy of a dishonest tenant for something like three weeks, the tenant's household goods may become the chattels of the landlord, if both are not at the mercy of the hired-furniture man. In a three-cornered duel of this kind the question of house rent and the rights of those who invest in house property are very often lost sight of. Some of the facts brought forward in evidence and in the correspondence we have published go to show that while misfortune may bring hardship on the tenant, there is room for much loss and distress to property-owners also. Cases have been mentioned in which widows and other small investors depend for an absolute livelihood on the rents they draw from the proceeds of the invested thrift and self-denial of themselves or others. Looking at the subject on a larger scale, it has been shown that the losses in house-rent are sometimes out of all proportion to what should be a fair risk with this class of investment. One such case was mentioned by a well-known agent, in which £116 were lost in two years out of rentals which should have aggregated £600.

The special committee appears to have patiently heard both sides of the case put before it, and now we have some of its suggestions. The first thing that will occur to every reader of the debate reports, the correspondence, and the evidence before the select committee is that the dishonest and scheming tenant has decidedly the best of the present arrangement, and then, by way of natural consequence, that the honest but unfortunate rent-payer is usually the victim of this state of things. The select committee seems to have arrived at the same common-sense conclusion, and in its suggestions as published it makes a fair endeavour to hold the balance evenly. What the members of the committee thought of their task may be gathered from the suggestion that the Government ought to take the measure up, "because of its importance and complexity." That, of course, is a matter for Ministers to consider, but in the meanwhile the recommendations adopted will, we think, commend themselves to the common sense of the public. For instance, it is an evident hardship that tools of trade should be distrained upon for rent, and with these may fairly go such things as bedding, family relics, and wearing apparel. The seamstress's sewing machine and such things as that bring us into uncomfortable touch with honest and hard-working but unfortunate poverty. No doubt the same ground is covered, or intended to be covered, by the proposed general exemption from distress up to £15, but as a set-off to this it is surely not unjust that a long-suffering landlord should be able to claim the aid of the law within one week instead of three. The safeguarding of honest sub-tenants in offices or lodgings is a matter of simple justice also, and the provision to protect both landlord and tenant against the too-rapacious hired-furniture man, when he places himself in evidence, is in no way unreasonable.

OUR LAND LAWS.

The Chief Justice yesterday condemned, root and branch, the land laws of this State. He referred to them freely as being in a "disgraceful state," and he traced the origin of this deplorable condition of affairs back to the Act of 1861, which authorised free selection before survey. Sir Frederick Darley, of course, speaks with a full knowledge of the importance which will be attached to his words. His is not the voice of one crying in the wilderness; it is the voice of a man who has been a legislator in his time and who for many years has presided over the Supreme Court of New South Wales. According to this well-informed critic, our land laws have spelled litigation, disaster, and ruin to men who accepted the advice familiar to our ears as household words, "Go on the land, young man." Sir Frederick, who knows what he is talking about, declares that there are not half-a-dozen persons in New South Wales, whether on the Bench or at the Bar or in the Lands Department, who thoroughly understand the land laws of the State. Evidence given before the Lands Commission would certainly seem to justify this position, though it shows also that there were ways and means for using the law to remunerative process.

Not long ago a Judge in Western Australia was moved to speak frankly about the land laws of New South Wales. He said that such laws in his own State were bad enough, but that our laws were infinitely worse—or words to that effect. Possibly this learned Judge is one of the half-dozen persons to whom, according to the Chief Justice, is limited the thorough understanding of our legislation on the subject. The question naturally arises: Who does understand our land laws? Sir Frederick Darley's limitation implicitly excludes the members of the Supreme Court Bench; and yet it is to this tribunal that disputes about land must be referred. Is it to be an understood thing that litigation on the subject is barred owing to the confessed inability of Judges to plough their way wearily through the weighty tomes of land laws? And is there then to be an appeal from the decision of this Court, which is uncertain about the relative meanings of contradictory provisions, to the judgment of a Court which does not admit its ignorance, but which, to put it mildly, is just as likely to be wrong as a Bench composed of men who have seen the land laws grow in volume and incomprehensibility? And if lawyers of high standing and grave responsibility are at a loss to understand what the law really is, how about the average layman? He is not so supremely gifted as to be able to find his way out of the intricate maze which has been erected by the well-intentioned clumsiness of legislators, assisted by prominent lawyers. He may want to settle down comfortably on a piece of land—be the same big or little—which he can call his own; but he is met by such obstacles, and, above all, by such uncertainty as to the real bearing of legislative enactments, that he is never sure of his position. Inspired statesmen rise up at intervals to set everything right in regard to our land laws, and an indulgent public gives them credit for great achievements. And what is the upshot? We have a confused collection of laws which not half a dozen persons in the State can understand. It might be said here is Mr. Ashton's opportunity—to consolidate the Acts regulating the lands of the State, and to simplify the law, so that the ordinary person may know exactly where he stands. But 44 years have passed since we first began to settle land by Act of Parliament, and the superstructure is now too vast and intricate for short ways.

Local Government.—The Chief Secretary (Mr. J. A. Hogue), on behalf of the Government, addressed the delegates attending the municipal conference at the Town Hall yesterday afternoon, and stated that after such men as Sir Henry Parkes and Mr. Reid were not able to get a system of local government made law, the present Government had taken up a big question in staking its existence upon the passing of such a measure. Mr. Carruthers was, however, determined that New South Wales, knowing that local government was essential, should not be behind the other States in this matter any longer. The bill before Parliament would establish a fair balance between the political power of the rural districts and that of the population centres. He claimed that local government could be advocated on the grounds of economy, and he referred to the revenue for the last municipal year for Sydney, the suburbs, and for the country municipalities, and compared it with the expenditure, which he said was £1,110,287, or £30,695 in excess of the total revenue. The incorporated area in Sydney was 2880 acres; in the suburbs, 32,340 acres; and in the country, 1,719,692 acres; making a total of 1,812,912 acres—about 2800 square miles. The area unincorporated was 307,554 square miles. In acknowledging a vote of thanks, Mr. Hogue said the recommendations of the conference would receive the serious consideration of the Government.

Advertising Hoardings.—Last night Mr. Trickett gave notice in the Legislative Council of his intention to ask the representative of the Government the following question next Wednesday:—1. Has the Government let the vacant allotment in Martin-place, opposite the General Post Office, for a bill-posting hoarding, and if so, to whom, on what terms and conditions as to advertising, and at what rental? 2. Do the Government consider that a bill-posting hoarding is a desirable structure in the main thoroughfare of the city, and in the midst of a costly and handsome group of buildings?

Sydney Water Supply.—It was stated at yesterday's meeting of the Water and Sewerage Board that the Prospect reservoir was 6½ inches below the top water level. The water was said to be going out at the rate of 20,000,000 gallons per day, and coming in at the rate of 11,000,000 gallons. Reference was made to the intention of the Mines Department to grant further leases to mine for coal under the catchment area, and it was decided to write to the Premier protesting against any leases being granted, and calling attention to the action taken by the authorities in preventing any further mining for coal in portions of the Stockton colliery where the cover of rock is not of a certain thickness. It was decided to purchase a piece of land at Randwick as a site for a reservoir, the price to be offered being fixed at £450.

The Municipal Conference.—A good deal of business was got through at yesterday's sitting of the Municipal Association at the Town Hall. In the case of rates outstanding on properties belonging to unknown owners, the delegates desire it to be legalised that the councils shall have power, after 10 years, to sell such properties for the recovery of the accumulated rates. The present system of voting, it was considered, should be applied under local government, and the desire was expressed that motions to oust aldermen might be heard before District Court Judges as well as Supreme Court Judges. It was decided to take steps to have the Fire Brigades Act extended where desired, and that the Act should be so remodelled that all insurance companies having risk should contribute to the fund. The business of the conference will be concluded to-day. The visiting delegates are well pleased with the hospitable treatment extended to them by the Lord Mayor of Sydney (Alderman Allen Taylor), as the president of the Municipal Association.

Cabramatta and Liverpool Railway Service.—The Railway Commissioners were waited upon yesterday by Mr. Downes, M.L.A., and a deputation representing the residents between Cabramatta and Liverpool, which asked that the 6.50 a.m. train from Liverpool be run through to Sydney without the passengers having to change at Granville. It was stated that the train was usually fully loaded, hence inconvenience was caused by additional passengers entering at Granville. It was also desired that a train should be run from Sydney to Liverpool about 3 p.m., and a train started in the opposite direction about the same time. The Commissioners stated that the information before them was not in accord with the representations made by the deputation, but in view of what had been said, they would have further inquiries made. If there was any such overcrowding as had been represented something should be done to remove the inconvenience.

A Judicial Opinion of Our Land Laws.—The muddled condition of our land laws formed the text upon which the State Chief Justice (Sir Frederick Darley) based some strong remarks yesterday in the Banco Court. The action was one brought by an improvement lessee named Ferguson against the Crown to recover compensation for loss which he said he had sustained in consequence of being unable to enter into possession of his lease, for which he had paid the first year's rent in advance, through the unreasonable delay in surveying and marking the boundaries. His Honor appeared to trace what he termed the "disgraceful state" of our land laws to the Act of 1861, authorising free selection before survey, which his Honor said had led to an enormous amount of litigation, and ruin and disaster to individuals. Governments from time to time had endeavoured to rectify the state of things that existed, but, whether by overslight or bad judgment, many of the Acts that had been brought into existence seemed to have increased the difficulty, and now our land laws presented a perfect labyrinth, through which no one could safely steer his way. His Honor added that he did not suppose there were half a dozen persons, whether on the Bench or at the Bar or in the Lands Department, who thoroughly understood the Acts of Parliament relating to the lands of New South Wales.

Striking a Jury.—The present circumlocutory method of striking a jury in Supreme Court causes frequently leads to an unnecessary waste of time, and, inferentially, casts a reflection upon the jurors. The process is for the associate to take eight names haphazard from the ballot box, and they are carefully copied by a sheriff's officer, who ascends to the Bench for that purpose. The list is then handed to counsel for the plaintiff, who, with the assistance of his solicitor and client, carefully studies the trade or occupation of each juror, and any other particulars appearing in the panel paper. After excising two names he hands the list to his learned friend "on the other side," and the same process is gone through. Between the calling of the general panel and the selection of the four gentlemen who are to try the issues in the case half-an-hour sometimes elapses, which is a serious loss where the nisi prius business is congested. Mr. Justice Pring, in remarking upon the matter on Tuesday, said he would be glad to see the present system abolished, and the jury selected by ballot, as in the District Court.

Redfern Municipal Election.—Yesterday was nomination day in connection with the municipal election to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Alderman Hirschman as one of the representatives of Golden Grove Ward, Redfern. There were two nominations, viz., Francis McKenna, produce merchant, of Gordon-crescent, Stanmore, and George Todd, carrier, of Abercrombie-street, Redfern. A poll was demanded, and the Mayor, Alderman Gorton, announced that it would be taken on Monday next.

Railway Facilities at Granville.—A deputation representing residents and storekeepers of Granville was introduced to the Railway Commissioners yesterday by Mr. Nobbs, M.L.A. and asked that additional goods shed accommodation be provided for trucks while being loaded or unloaded; that a weighbridge be erected, as well as a small race for loading and unloading the upper decks of stock trucks. The Commissioners stated that they would provide a 10-ton weighbridge, and also a small race for loading and unloading stock. They did not think the circumstances justified the extension of the goods shed, or weather protection for trucks whilst being loaded or unloaded. They would, however, take an opportunity next time they were at Granville of inspecting the premises, in view of the representations made.

Mortality at the Zoo.—An unusually heavy death-rate among the animals at the Zoological Gardens was reported during the last few weeks. The mortality affected principally wallabies and other varieties of the same species, though the most valuable of the victims was a lion. The reason ascribed for the deaths was the sudden cold snap experienced recently, as the dead animals on being examined exhibited traces of disease likely to be confused by a severe change of weather. It is very difficult in such an institution, though every reasonable care is taken, to guard against such severe climatic changes.

A branch of the Women's Liberal League has been formed at Chatswood, with Mrs. Goldsmith as president, Mrs. Birkett hon. secretary, Mrs. Symington hon. treasurer.

"Tom Moore in Song and Story" was the title of a lecture given in the Balmain Town Hall last night by the Rev. Father Egan, of Lewisham. There was a large attendance, and the lecture was received with marked approval. At intervals Moore's songs were rendered by lady amateurs. At the conclusion of the lecture the drawing of the art union in aid of the fund for St. Augustine's Church, Balmain, took place, the Mayor (Alderman M. H. Cohen) being in the chair.

The annual picnic of the employees of H. M'Grath was held at Clontarf yesterday. There was a very large attendance. A programme of sports and dancing was carried out, and a banquet was held at midday.

PERSONAL.

Mr. W. H. Maguire, who for the past 33 years has occupied the position of inspector in the Postal Department, and has been in the service for 46 years, the last 12 months of which he has been carrying out the duties of senior inspector, was yesterday afternoon presented with a handsome tea and coffee service, as a mark of esteem, by his brother officers, on the eve of his retirement from the service. The Deputy Postmaster-General (Mr. G. P. Unwin) made the presentation, in the presence of a large gathering of officials, including the heads of the various branches of the service and several suburban postmasters. Mr. Unwin expressed his regret that owing to the Commonwealth Public Service regulations it became necessary for Mr. Maguire to retire at the age of 65 years, although he was thoroughly competent, both as regards his mental and physical capabilities, to carry out the important duties devolving upon him for some years, and the department could ill afford to lose the services of such a capable and conscientious officer. Mr. Maguire, in responding, stated that when he joined the telegraph service in 1859 the telegraph office was contained in two small compartments on the Pitt-street side of the Royal Exchange-building, the offices then connected being South Head, the Flagstaff (Observatory Hill), Redfern railway station, Parramatta, Liverpool, Campbelltown, Berrima, Goulburn, Yass, Gundagai, Kyamba, Albury (connecting with Melbourne), Penrith, and Windsor. The needle instruments were then in use between South Head and the head office, and during his official career he had seen the introduction of duplex and quadruplex instruments, the first sets of which he had the honour of setting up. He had been closely connected with every development in electricity as applied to telegraphy in the history of the Telegraph Department in this State.

At a meeting of the Evangelical Council, held at the Centenary Hall, a suggestion was made that the Rev. Dr. Watson (Ian Maclaren) be invited to visit the Commonwealth to give a series of addresses. It was resolved to communicate with kindred societies in the other States and New Zealand, inquiring if they would co-operate in sending an invitation to Dr. Watson.

Mr. G. De Cairos Rego, who early in the year sailed for London with his family, has returned to Sydney by the Ormuz, after a most enjoyable holiday tour. Mr. De Rego heard grand opera at Covent Garden, as well as many delightful orchestral concerts, and famous singers in Italy, France, and Germany. He now resumes here his duties connected with Trinity College, London, and takes up his professional work as pianist and teacher.

The remains of the late Senior-constable J. A. Hazlett were interred yesterday at the Waverley Cemetery, the funeral service being conducted by the Rev. F. B. Cowling, assisted by the Rev. F. Colwell, Bro. Geo. Richardson, of the Orange order, also officiated. The hearse was preceded by the police band, after which marched a number of the deceased's comrades and members of the I.O.L., of which the late constable was a member. No. 10 Division of the police force was strongly represented, among them being Senior-sergeants Costigan (in charge), Sergeant (Randwick), and Day (No. 3 station), Sergeants Lilley, Spence, McGovern, Adair (Paddington), Hickey (North Sydney), Senior-constables Cooper, Mulroney, Cubiss, Jordan, and McNally, besides representatives from other stations. Mr. W. F. Latimer, M.L.A., and Mr. Lyons were also present.

PROHIBITED ALIENS.

WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS.

COMING ON TO SYDNEY.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Two Chinese, Jong Nie and Jong Hing, were on Tuesday carried on to Sydney in the steamer Taiuan. They were refused permission to land here under the Immigration Restriction Act. A writ of habeas corpus directed to the captain of the vessel was granted by Mr. Justice Hood on Tuesday morning, in order to prevent their removal in the vessel, which was advertised to leave at noon on that day. The writ was issued about noon, but before it could be served the vessel with her unwilling passengers had started for Sydney, where it is understood another attempt to try the rights of the Chinese will be made.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

COMMERCIAL BANK OF TASMANIA.

HOBART, Wednesday.

The half-yearly meeting of the Commercial Bank of Tasmania was held to-day. The managing director, Mr. David Barclay, presided. Accounts submitted showed that £15,146 was available for distribution thus:—12 per cent. dividend, £8489 11s; dividend tax, £424 10s; to reserve, £500; making a sum of £13,126 0s, and leaving a balance of £1731 15s 11d carried forward. General prosperity is shown by the fact that constituents are paying off overdrafts and placing money on deposit.

TO-DAY.

St. John Ambulance Association: Annual Meeting, Equitable-building, 5 p.m.

Lecture by Rev. J. Ferguson: St. Stephen's Church, Phillip-street, 7.45 p.m.

Service: Centenary Hill, 1.15 p.m.

Aust. Liberal League: Meeting, Federation Hall, Harrington-street, 8 p.m.

Address on "Socialism," by Mr. W. Wilson: Redfern Town Hall, 8 p.m.

Ladies' Intellectual Afternoon, English Literature: 155 The Strand, 3.

Her Majesty's Theatre: "Trilby," 8 p.m.

Criterion Theatre: "The Walls of Jericho," 8 p.m.

Theatre Royal: "A Sailor's Sweetheart," 8 p.m.

Tivoli Theatre: Vaudeville, 8 p.m.

Queen's Hall: Vaudeville, 8 p.m.

Palace Theatre: "In Town," 8 p.m.

Zoological Gardens, Moore Park: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cyclorama: "Battle of Gettysburg," Illusions, Cinematograph, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Royal Art Society's Exhibition: 76 Pitt-street, 10 a.m.

Lyceum Theatre: Belle Cromo Company, 8 p.m.

Centenary Hall: Phelan's Bi

REVOLT IN RUSSIA.

ARMENIAN MASSACRES.

HOLY WAR PROCLAIMED.

CHURCHES DESECRATED.

CHILDREN THROWN TO DOGS.

LONDON, Sept. 12.

Tartars have desecrated the churches in Baku, stolen the sacred vessels, and ridiculed the Ikon of the Virgin with bullets.

Thousands of Tartar horsemen are crossing the Persian-Russian frontier, and are joining the insurgents of the Caucasus in the slaughter of Armenians.

A Jehad, or Holy War, has been proclaimed by the Mohammedans, and the Armenians are being massacred regardless of age or sex. The dead are subjected to terrible mutilations. Children have been thrown to the dogs. The survivors of the massacres are being forced to embrace Islamism.

Prince Tsitsianoff, a Caucasian landed proprietor, has been assassinated at Gori.

The Viceroy of the Caucasus has refused to allow the Armenian Communities to organise, for their self defence, a militia under Russian officers.

MORE ARMENIANS MURDERED.

LESS FIGHTING AT BAKU.

Tartars at Minkend, in the Caucasus, massacred 300 Armenians.

There is no truce between the Armenians and Tartars at Baku, but the fighting is on a less extensive scale.

FIGHTING AT TIFLIS.

In a fight between socialists and cossacks at Tiflis, in the Caucasus, 30 of the former were killed, and 50 were wounded.

MYSTERIOUS STEAMER.

EXPLODED AND DESERTED.

LONDON, Sept. 13.

Lloyd's has received information from Jacobstad, on the Duna, in the Baltic provinces, that after exploding and totally wrecking an unnamed steamer on an island near the town the crew sailed south. 3200 rifles were landed from the steamer.

Reuter's information supplements that of Lloyds'. According to Reuter, two Customs officers on boarding the steamer were compelled by an armed English-speaking crew of 20 to withdraw. An explosion followed after the departure of the crew. The name John, and the letters FTON, which had not been painted out, suggest that the name of the steamer was John Grafton.

SWEDEN AND NORWAY.

TENSION INCREASED.

PREDOMINANT PARTNER'S DEMANDS.

LONDON, Sept. 13.

Sweden has demanded of Norway the dismantling of new Norwegian frontier fortresses, also the dismantling of the ancient fortresses of Frederikstein (60 miles south-east of Christiania), and Kongsvinger (40 miles east-north-east of Christiania). Increased tension between the two countries is the result.

English newspapers urge the Marqu's of Lansdowne, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to make friendly representations to both countries, and avert the ultimate interference of other Powers.

The Storthing of Norway objects to the demolition of the fortresses without guarantees, and asks that before demolition a treaty of arbitration between the two countries should be passed, as well as permission to maintain the ancient forts. Sweden is in favour of a treaty of arbitration being arranged after the demolition of the forts.

WAR IN DAMARALAND.

BOERS ENLIST WITH GERMANS.

LONDON, Sept. 13.

Circumstantial reports have been received that numbers of Transvaal and Orange River Colony Boers have enlisted with the Germans in Damaraland, South-west Africa, ostensibly as transport assistants. Forty Boers have already crossed the border, and 50 others are about to proceed via Britstown, while these will be followed by 100 others.

Newspapers of Capetown urge that the Government should inquire into the matter, and should remonstrate with Germany if necessary, otherwise the colony will possibly have trouble with the natives.

POPULARISING MILITARY SERVICE.

LONDON, Sept. 13.

Major-General Sir Frederick Maurice suggests that with a view of raising the military service in the estimation of the public a spell of military training ought to be a preliminary condition to all physical kinds of public employment, such as the police, the post-office, and various branches of the Civil Service.

VICTORIA FALLS BRIDGE.

LONDON, Sept. 13

Professor Darwin, president of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, yesterday opened the bridge over the Victoria Falls of the Zambesi River.

The structure spanning the Victoria Falls is a cantilever bridge, which has 10 bays, the rate of progress being two bays a month. Work progressed simultaneously from both sides of the Zambesi. An electric motor cable, with a span of 900ft, the largest thing of its kind which has been attempted, carried material from one side of the river to the other.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

LONDON, Sept 12.

The Government of the Argentine Republic proposes to establish a direct line of steamers between Buenos Ayres and European ports, making passages in from 12 to 14 days. A subsidy of 28,000 dollars will be paid for every double voyage.

Burgess has made another unsuccessful attempt to swim the English Channel from Dover to Calais.

Sept. 13.

The New Zealand and Australian Land Company has declared a dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. and a bonus of 2 per cent. A sum of £25,000 is set aside for the reduction of the deficit on land loans, and [illegible] with the contingency fund.

JAPAN'S DISASTER.

BATTLESHIP MIKASA LOST

FIRE ON BOARD.

A MAGAZINE EXPLODES.

SHE SINKS IN SHALLOW WATER.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE.

LONDON, Sept. 13.

A terrible disaster has befallen Japan and her navy. The battleship Mikasa, 15,200 tons, Admiral Togo's flagship, has exploded, and many lives have been lost.

A telegram from Tokio, dated Tuesday, states: "The Mikasa, which was anchored at Sasebo, caught fire at midnight on Sunday, and sank at 2.30 on Monday morning. The cause of the fire is unknown.

"While efforts were being made to extinguish the flames the heat exploded the aft magazine, making a large hole in the port side of the hull below the waterline.

"The casualties number 599, including men from other ships, who had gone aboard to assist in extinguishing the flames.

"Admiral Togo was not aboard."

FLAMES REACH THE MAGAZINE.

Another telegram states that the disaster has caused a profound sensation throughout Japan, and gloom is apparent among all classes.

The fire originated at the base of the Mikasa's mainmast, and it is believed to be due to an overcharge of electricity. The magazine exploded within an hour of the fire breaking out.

The battleships Shikishima and Asbat, the torpedo gunboat Tatsu, the torpedo-boat destroyers Murakimo and Kasumi, and four auxiliary cruisers sent parties to assist the crew of the Mikasa.

As the battleship sank in shallow water there is some prospect of raising and repairing her.

KILLED AND INJURED.

MANY MISSING.

According to the Tokio correspondent of the "Times" five of the crew of the Mikasa are known to be killed, 251 are missing, and 343 are wounded.

The Tokio correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" reports that the fire broke out at 20 minutes past midnight. Among the officers the casualties are one killed, five missing, and 11 wounded. When the fire was discovered the Mikasa had only just left for a certain destination. Danger of a final explosion was not then apprehended, otherwise more of the crew would have been saved.

The Tokio correspondent of the "Daily Express" says that two-thirds of the crew and the majority of the officers were lost. The sailors made desperate efforts to stop the progress of the flames.

The Tokio correspondent of the "Daily Mail" reports that of the 599 casualties many were killed.

CAUSE OF THE FIRE.

ACCIDENTAL OR DELIBERATE?

The "Daily News" asks whether the fire on the Mikasa was accidental or the deliberate act of a fanatic dissatisfied with the peace terms. The newspaper hopes that the inquiry will show that the catastrophe belongs to the category of accidents of Sir George Tryon in the Victoria in 1897 and of H.M.S. Royal Sovereign in 1901, accidents which were costly and tragic, but which had no sinister significance.

The newspapers sympathise with Japan in her disaster at the opening of a glorious peace and the command of her own seas, which is acknowledged by the whole world.

Sinking in port by an explosion of her own magazine is an ingloious ending for the Mikasa, which took such a glorious part in the decisive naval battles of the war. Next to the King Edward VII. class in England, she was the most powerful type of battleship in commission, and her loss must be severe to the Japanese navy. Had the catastrophe occurred six months ago, the battle of Tsushima may not have been so decisive. With a length of 400ft, a beam of 76ft, and a draught of 27ft, the Mikasa had a displacement of 15,200 tons. She was built at Barrow, 1900-1902, and her engines, with Belville boilers, developed 16,431 horse-power, giving her a speed of 18½ knots. Her armour consisted of a belt 9in thick of Harveyed nickel steel amidships for 156ft, 7ft wide, rising 2ft 8in above the water-line. Beyond this to the barbettes the belt was 7in in thickness, and tapered to the ends, where it was 4in. The main bulkheads were protected by 12in armour, the barbettes with 14in and 10in, and the hoods for the secondary armament with 10in in front and 8in at the sides. The conning tower was protected with 14in thickness of steel. Her watertight compartments numbered 224. The armament of the battleship consisted of four 12in guns in pairs in two barbettes, and 14 6in quick-firers, 10 being in a casemated maindeck battery, and four at angles of superstructure. She had also four torpedo tubes submerged on broadsides. The Mikasa carried a crew of 741 men.

NEW RUSSIAN NAVAL PORT.

LONDON, Sept. 12.

Norwegian journals assert that Russia is seriously considering the establishment of a naval port on the Murman coast, north-eastern coast of the Kola Peninsula, Northern Russia, between the Arctic Ocean and the White Sea, and that such port will probably be established at Alexandrovsk.

RUSSIA ABANDONS HER COAL.

LONDON, Sept. 13.

Russia has abandoned her scheme to furnish her northern railway lines with coal from her own mines. Consequently the importation of 250,000 tons of British coal is necessitated.

HUNGARIAN CABINET RESIGNS.

LONDON, Sept. 12.

The Emperor Francis Joseph has declined to sanction the proposal of Baron Fejervary, the Premier of Hungary, for the adoption of universal suffrage in Hungary.

Sept. 13.

The Emperor Francis Joseph has accepted the resignation of the Fejervary Cabinet. The leader of the coalition has been summoned to form a Ministry.

SIR HARRY RAWSON RETURNING.

LONDON, Sept. 12

Sir Harry and Lady Rawson are passengers for Sydney by the R.M.S. Orontes on October 6. Lady Rawson is much better.

SCOTTISH STEEL TRADE.

LONDON, Sept. 12.

There is a great revival in the Scottish steel trade owing to large Japanese, Indian, and Colonial orders.

YAMAGATA'S REPORT.

SIGNAL VICTORY NOT LIKELY.

THE MIKADO INFLUENCED.

SKIRMISH IN MANCHURIA.

LONDON, Sept. 13.

The "Standard" reports that Marquis Yamagata, the President of the Japanese Council of War, during a conference of 12 days with Field-Marshal Oyama, the Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese forces in Manchuria, inspected important positions, and reported unfavourably on the chances of outflanking and crushing the enemy, or of achieving a signal victory.

This report, the "Standard" states, possibly influenced the Emperor of Japan in agreeing with the terms of the treaty of Portsmouth.

ANTI-PEACE DEMONSTRATION.

Four thousand men from all parts of Japan participated in an anti-peace demonstration at Osaka. In the crush 40 people were injured. The police did not interfere with the demonstration.

MINISTRY'S RESIGNATION REFUSED.

The Japanese Ministry offered to resign, but the Mikado declined to accept their resignation.

CHURCHES REFUSE COMPENSATION.

The Evangelical Alliance has resolved not to claim compensation for the churches and schools under its care which were destroyed during the recent anti-peace riots in Tokio.

BANDITS' ATTACK REPULSED.

LONDON, Sept. 13.

General Madrikoff, with three regiments, described as consisting principally of bandits, attacked Su-shan, in the Shin-king district of Manchuria, on the 11th inst, but was immediately repulsed.

RIGHT OF SEIZURE.

The right of seizure of contraband of war at sea is not suspended under the agreement between Russia and Japan for an armistice.

THE TALLOW SALES.

LONDON, Sept. 13.

At the sales of Australian tallow to-day 1359 casks were offered, and 115 were sold. Prices were unchanged, as follows:—Mutton, fine 30s 6d, medium 27s 6d; beef, fine 27s 9d, medium 26s per cwt.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

MINISTERIAL ELECTIONS.

PERTH, Wednesday.

Dr. Hicks, Minister for Commerce and Labour, was returned unopposed for Roebourne to-day. The elections for Mr. Rason's seat, Guildford; Mr. Gregory's seat, Menzies; Mr. Wilson's seat, Sussex; and Mr. Moore's seat, Bunbury, will take place to-morrow.

GOLDFIELDS WAGES QUESTION.

KALGOORLIE, Wednesday.

The delegates representing the filter press hands employed at the local mines waited upon the representatives of the mine owners yesterday afternoon with a view to securing a settlement of the wages question so far as it affects this class of labour on terms satisfactory to the workers. The latter not being prepared to accept a reduction on the old rates no settlement was arrived at. The mine owners' representatives are, however, giving the matter further consideration, and their decision will be made known in a few days.

A combined meeting of the delegates from the Chamber of Mines and Managers' Association and the Kalgoorlie and the Boulder Chambers of Commerce was held yesterday afternoon, when an emphatic protest against any increase of the duties on mining machinery and other articles used in the pursuit of mining was made. It was decided to urge the Commissioners to visit Kalgoorlie.

NEW ZEALAND.

LUNACY IN THE COLONY.

HOSPITAL AND CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE.

WELLINGTON, Wednesday.

On December 31 last there were 1801 males and 1237 females in the asylums of the colony, an increase of 79 over the previous year, when the increase was 111. The number of patients admitted during the year was 580 against 691 for the previous year. Readmissions in 1903 numbered 202, in 1904, 105. The percentage of recoveries on the admissions was 45.34, as compared with 42.17 for the previous year. The Inspector-General urges the establishment of an after care association which could take charge of a patient until his self-control had been tested. The total insane to the population, inclusive of Maoris, was one in 294. The net cost of patients per head was £21 19s 11½d, a decrease of 1s 1½d as compared with last year.

The hospital and charitable aid expenditure was £259,615, for a total population of 908,114. The Inspector-General urges that out-door relief ought no longer to be subsidised by more than one-third, instead of 2½ per £, and should be abolished by a date to be fixed. Large hospitals should be made to depend on direct taxes, and local contributions; and smaller hospitals should be closed as means of communication made it possible to do so.

Information has been received at Dunedin that the shipment of chilled beef sent to London by the Tainui, as an experimental consignment from the Burnside freezing works, had been landed in an unsatisfactory condition, and had been condemned.

R.M.S. VICTORIA IN A GALE.

LOSES TWO LIFEBOATS.

PERTH (W.A.), Wednesday.

The R.M.S. Victoria experienced very heavy weather the whole way across from Large Bay, and had repeatedly to be slowed down. On rounding Cape Leeuwin she was compelled by a storm from the north-west to stand well off the shore, and consequently was taken a long way out of her course. While the steamer was off Cape Naturaliste about 1 o'clock yesterday morning, a heavy sea broke on board and smashed two of the port lifeboats, which had to be cut adrift.

A passenger by the R.M.S. Victoria, which arrived at Fremantle from the eastern States last night, says that during the height of the storm on Monday evening the captain ordered that the lascar crew should go on to the forecastle and ascertain the extent of damage, if any, caused by the waves breaking on board. The chief officer gave the order to the crew, but the latter refused to obey, on the ground that their lives would be endangered by doing so. The chief officer thereupon went on to the forecastle and executed the order himself. The work was, he said, a very ticklish one, and had an element of danger in it.

JAPANESE SUSCEPTIBILITIES.

HUMOURED BY QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

Speaking on the Estimates in the Legislative Assembly to-night, the Premier said the Imperial Government had made representations to the Queensland Government with regard to the provisions of the Agricultural Bank Act, which made Japanese ineligible under the general term natives of Asia. The Japanese took exception to the people of their country being treated differently to the natives of any other civilised Power, and asked, through the home Government, that the disqualification should be made to apply equally to all aliens, or removed as far as the Japanese were concerned. He understood that similar communications had been received by the Federal Government in regard to discrimination against Japanese in legislative enactments. The Queensland Government felt they must pay respectful attention to the representations of the Imperial Government, and he hoped that in future legislation it would be possible to protect the interests of the State without wounding the susceptibilities of the Japanese Government.

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

AGAINST SOUTH OF ENGLAND.

WICKETS FALL RAPIDLY.

LONDON, Sept. 12.

The Australians commenced a match against a South of England team at Hastings to-day. The match was started in bright sunshine, though the wicket after yesterday's rain was soft and treacherous. There is an attendance of 1000. The teams are:—

South of England: W. G. Grace, G. L. Jessop, C. O. H. Sewell, C. M'Gahey, V. F. S. Crawford, F. P. Knox, T. Hayward, W. Lees, L. C. Braund, J. Vine, H. R. Butt.

Australia: J. Darling, M. A. Noble, R. A. Duff, A. J. Hopkins, J. J. Kelly, A. Cotter, S. E. Gregory, C. Hill, C. E. M'Leod, W. W. Armstrong, F. Laver.

Play started at 1 o'clock.

Grace won the toss, and opened with Vine and Hayward, to the bowling of Laver and Armstrong. At 5 Vine, who was 1, was easily taken by Laver at short leg off Armstrong. M'Gahey succeeded, and at 25 the adjournment for lunch was made, Hayward being 18 and M'Gahey 3.

Six having been added, M'Gahey (8) was caught by Armstrong off his own bowling. Two for 31. Hayward 19. The vacancy was filled by Braund. Hayward was caught by Hopkins off McLeod for 38. Three for 63. Braund 13. Hayward played skilful cricket, and he did some free driving. He made one six and two fours. Sewell and Braund brought the score up to 121. Then Braund, who had played chanceless cricket, was caught at long-on by Darling off McLeod for 33. Sewell 32.

Jessop came next, but he immediately lost Sewell, who was out in the same way as Braund off the next ball of McLeod's over. Five for 121. Jessop 0. Crawford followed. Jessop was bowled second ball by Noble, who knocked the middle stump back. Six for 121. Crawford 0.

The next man, Lees, having scored a single, Crawford played the first ball he received from Noble on to his wicket. Seven for 122. Grace was bowled by Noble for 2. Eight for 124. Butt was out first ball, caught at short-leg by Laver off Noble. Nine for 124. Knox now joined Lees, who was still 1. Each batsman made 5 runs, and then Lees was caught at long-on by Armstrong off McLeod. The innings, therefore, terminated for a total of 134 runs.

The last six wickets fell in 25 minutes for 13 runs.

The Australians began their first innings with Darling and Armstrong, but they were soon parted. Six runs were made, and Darling was out to a catch at point by Grace off Crawford. Armstrong 4.

Hill was next, and before he lost Armstrong the score was raised to 47. Armstrong was bowled by Crawford for 19 runs. The Victorian's driving was good. Two for 47. Hill 18. Hill was stumped by Butt off Braund after 4 runs had been added. Hill was at the wickets for 45 minutes. Three for 51. Noble 0. Noble and Gregory played out time. The total was 81 for three wickets, Noble being 8 and Gregory 16.

WEDNESDAY'S PLAY.

LONDON, Sept. 13.

When play was resumed at Hastings to-day the weather was brilliant, but the wicket was treacherous. There was an attendance of about 000. Braund opened the bowling, and his third ball proved fatal to Gregory. Four for 81. Duff, after scoring five, was dismissed with a breakback by Braund. Five for 97. Noble 12. Hopkins succeeded, and four runs later Noble was easily caught at mid-on by Hayward off Crawford for 14. Six for 101. Hopkins, 2.

RETURN OF THE AUSTRALIANS.

LONDON, Sept. 12.

Mr. V. Trumper returns to Sydney on the German mail steamer Barbarossa, which left Southampton on Monday. Messrs. Darling, Gregory, Howell, and Kelly intend returning by the R.M.S. China, while the other members of the team will leave later.

VICTORIA.

RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

A RECORD YEAR.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The annual report of the Railway Commissioners shows that the gross revenue for the year ended June 30 was the largest ever earned, amounting to £3,382,265, or £144,124 more than for the previous year. Working expenses came to £1,871,137, or £58,829 more than last year. After paying working expenses, the net revenue amounted to £1,711,127, which amount was spent as follows:—Special expenditure and charges in reduction of the extraordinary liabilities taken over by the Commissioners at the 1st July, 1902, £248,453; interest charges and expenses absorbed £1,461,994 (£53,761 less than last year); and the Commissioners show "a surplus credited to the consolidated revenue of £648." Last year they say there was a similar surplus of £619. Dealing with the gross revenue, the Commissioners remark that the large receipts are "mainly due to the prosperity which prevailed generally throughout the State, as the result of the favourable season for agriculturists and pastoralists, following on the excellent harvest of the previous year. They claim that the gross revenue per train per mile, viz., 7s 11.28d was the largest for 27 years. The percentage of the working expenses to the gross revenue, viz., 52.23, was the lowest since 1879. Coming to the net revenue, the report states that it was the largest yet earned per mile of railway. It was £506, and per traffic train mile 3s 9.51d, and the Commissioners add "this was equivalent to 4.34 per cent. on the Railway Department." In conclusion, the Commissioners intimated that the total capital expenditure incurred for the lines now closed for traffic, and for surveys of lines not constructed on which interest is charged against the department, is £718,537.

MURRAY WATERS QUESTION.

At the annual session of the Waterworks and Irrigation Trusts Association, held to-day, it was resolved to again urge the Minister of Water Supply, Mr. Swinburne, to endeavour to bring about a settlement of the Murray waters question, importance being attached to the matter in view of the expressed intention of the South Australian Government to take legal action to prevent Victoria and New South Wales taking water from the Murray and its tributaries. Litigation on the subject would probably defer the settlement indefinitely. Subsequently a deputation waited on the Minister, who said that both the New South Wales and Victorian Governments had placed every facility in the way of a friendly settlement with the South Australian Government. The South Australian Government simply prevaricated with the whole question, and it was only a matter of bluff on their part. They did not want it settled. Any delay in the way of the settlement of the matter lay at the door of the South Australian Government.

VOLCANIC ERUPTION AT SAMOA.

"TRAVELLING MOUNTAIN RANGE."

AUCKLAND, Wednesday.

Passengers by the steamer Manapouri, which arrived from the islands to-day, report that the volcano on the island of Savaii, Samoa, was still very active. An enormous quantity of matter, estimated at many millions of tons, had been ejected. The correspondent of the "Samoan Times," describing the scene, says:—"Fancy a travelling mountain range, four or five miles long, in many places a quarter of a mile wide, and at several points 200ft high, and then you get some idea of the magnitude of the forces at work. There are probably five or six, if not more, of these shifting mountains carried upon a bosom of molten lava which is underneath. The larger ones, which are now travelling very slowly, will probably soon come to a standstill, as the lava which is carrying them is solidifying at the extreme ends, and beginning to hinder their forward progress."

QUILBONE TRAGEDY.

LORIE COMMITS SUICIDE.

IN SIGHT OF THE POLICE.

COONAMBLE, Wednesday.

A telegram has just arrived that Lorie, who murdered Mr. P. Veech at Quilbone, cut his throat at Wynne's selection, near Quambone, in sight of the police, who had tracked him up.

The body is now being conveyed to Quambone.

Sub-Inspector Moss, of Dubbo, Senior-Sergeant Francis, of Coonamble, and a large number of police from Dubbo, Coonamble, Quambone, and Carinda had been in pursuit of the fugitive.

FINDING LORIE'S BODY.

QUAMBONE, Wednesday.

Inspector Moss and party found George Lorie dead, with his throat cut from ear to ear, about 12 miles from here this evening. He was hiding in the very long grass, and went to Wynne's and asked him for some tea. As he was doing so he saw parties approaching and made off, asking Wynne to take him some tea to a certain place where he would wait for it; but when the police found him he was dead, or dying. He had a rifle, loaded, and three cartridges.

The police are bringing the body to town. The excitement has abated since the receipt of the news.

MESSAGE TO THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL.

News of the suicide of Lorie, the Quilbone murderer, was received in Sydney last evening by the Inspector-General of Police from Sub-Inspector Moss. The telegram read as follows:—"We surrounded Lorie in the scrub at Pomeroy this afternoon, and when pressed he cut his throat. We are removing the body to Quambone."

DECEASED MURDERER'S EARLY MOVEMENTS.

COONAMBLE, Wednesday.

George Lorie called at the blacks' camp, on Green's Wallangambone station yesterday, and obtained a Winchester rifle and ammunition, stating that he "had a few more to deal with."

On seeing some shearers approach the blacks' camp, the fugitive proceeded into the bush.

QUAMBONE, Wednesday.

Lorie got to the blacks' camp, on the Bulgerabah, about seven miles from Green's, at dinner time yesterday. He had a sleep in the camp.

The rifle he had been carrying seemed to have been broken, as it was bound up in two pieces of board with wire.

One of the gins came across from the blacks' camp to Green's shed, and told them that Lorie was there. Two shearers went to the camp at 8 o'clock last night, but Lorie had cleared away, telling the blacks not to say that he had been there.

INQUEST ON MR. VEECH.

COONAMBLE, Wednesday.

Mr. H. Giles Shaw, coroner, returned to-day from holding an inquiry on the body of Mr. Patrick Joseph Veech. The evidence of Dr. Bertram, Government Medical Officer, showed that the deceased died from a fractured skull and other injuries to the head, occasioned by some blunt instrument, likely to have been the butt end of a rifle.

Michael Frawley, an infirm old man, was in the men's hut at Quilbone Station about 8.30 on Monday morning, when the deceased came into the hut, and sat down on a chair beside the door. Frawley sat on the other side of the door. He heard the report of a shot almost immediately afterwards, and a man came into the hut, holding his rifle in his two hands. The deceased saw the man, and tried to get behind the door. The man hit the deceased, who fell on to his knees, and the man then hit him two blows very quickly on the head, which thoroughly prostrated the deceased, and then decamped. The whole thing did not occupy more than a minute. Witness lifted the deceased's head, and called for help. The deceased just breathed, and died shortly afterwards.

T. E. Rutledge, grazier, living four miles from Quarabone, stated that he went to Quilbone about half-past 8 on Monday morning to see the deceased. He heard a shot, and saw some dust fly from Veech's hut, 200 yards. He saw Lorie, whom witness knew well, jump from the pigsty and run towards the men's hut. After Lorie had been in the hut a couple of minutes witness saw him come out and run along the creek. A minute afterwards Louis Veech came out of the hut, and said his father was killed. Witness ran into the hut, and found the deceased just breathing, and he died almost immediately afterwards. When witness saw the shot fired from the pigsty he saw Con Veech, a son of the deceased, put up his hand, as if to protect himself.

Cornelius Samuel Veech deposed that on Monday morning he was walking towards the backyards at Quilbone, at about half-past 8 o'clock. When about ten or twelve yards from the pigsty he heard a shot, with a loud report, and heard a whiz right past his ear. His brother Bernard sang out: "Look out, Con, Lorie is in the pigsty." Witness ran back to his room and got a gun, and heard that Lorie was running to the other side of the men's hut. Witness jumped on a horse and cantered after him. Lorie stopped, turned round, crouched, and pointed the rifle at witness, who got off his horse, expecting Lorie to fire. When witness looked again he saw that Lorie was running away. Witness went to get on his horse again, when the animal pulled away and cleared off. Witness looked towards the hut, and saw a man named M'Donald beckoning him. He returned to the hut at once, and saw Rutledge holding his father's head up. His father was then dead. His father had prosecuted Lorie four or five years ago for sheep stealing, when he was convicted. Lorie had threatened his father in the dock at the courthouse when he was sentenced. About three weeks ago witness's father gave evidence against Lorie, who was charged with stealing a bullock. Last Saturday witness's father bought and took delivery of some sheep and cattle belonging to a woman who lived with Lorie for several years as his wife. Lorie must have known this on Sunday. Lorie had repeatedly threatened deceased and witness, but witness looked on these as idle threats.

Bernard Louis Veech corroborated the evidence of his brother.

The Coroner returned a verdict of wilful murder against George Lorie.

THE LATE MR. VEECH TO BE BURIED AT WELLINGTON.

COONAMBLE, Wednesday.

The body of Mr. Patrick Veech, of Quilbone station, arrived at Coonamble this morning, and was conveyed to the hospital morgue, where it was enclosed in a lead coffin. The body left Coonamble this afternoon by special train for Wellington for burial there. Deceased was 74 years of age.

FEVER-STRICKEN VESSEL.

PERTH, Wednesday.

The Norwegian ship Otra, 40 days out from Augra Pequina, German West Africa, which arrived at Fremantle to-day, had an anxious time during the voyage. She left Augra Pequina on August 4 in ballast, and almost immediately after sailing, the second mate, who was not feeling well at the time of the vessel's departure, was taken seriously ill, suffering from typhoid fever. Not long afterwards the first mate was also attacked by the disease, and had to take to his bunk. The second mate succumbed in 13 days after the vessel left port. Misfortune continued to follow the ill-fated vessel, as some weeks ago the captain fell off the bridge and severely sprained an ankle, rendering him almost a cripple. The first mate, who was seriously ill for some time, eventually recovered, but is still very weak. To add to the troubles, ever since the Otra passed the longitude of Mauritius she has encountered nothing but a succession of heavy gales. It was found possible to continue sailing during the day, but it was too risky, in the absence of a navigating officer, to continue to do so at night. During the latter portion of the voyage, therefore, the vessel was hove to, and sails were stowed every night. This, besides causing extra work for the crew, prolonged the voyage considerably. The captain states that had he been able to take full advantage of the wind, he would have made Fremantle in half the time it had taken.

RUNAWAY IN MELBOURNE.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

A pony cart was being driven along Latrobe-street to-day when the pony suddenly took fright, and set off at a gallop down the street. He turned into Elizabeth-street, and in making a wild swerve to avoid a tramcar threw the driver, Sidney Carter, to the ground. At the Melbourne Hospital Carter was found to have sustained cerebral injuries. The pony continued its career with the cart behind it through several streets, and in Bourke-street came into collision with a phaeton. This vehicle contained three persons, who were thrown out, and received severe bruises and abrasions. The shaft of the pony cart was buried in the flesh of the horse of the phaeton. Both vehicles were smashed, and it was afterwards found necessary to destroy the horse. The pony was uninjured.

THIRD EDITION.

NORTH COAST RAILWAY.

THE LINE AGREED TO.

The debate on the Government motion for the construction of the North Coast railway from Maitland to South Grafton was continued in the Legislative Assembly, after our first edition went to press. The proposal was agreed to by 30 votes to 12. The following is the division list:—

FOR THE MOTION, 30.

Hogue	Hill
Moore	M'Coy
Wade	Moxham
Lee	Bennett
Nobbs	Perry (L.P.)
Carruthers	Dick
Donaldson	Estell
Law	Richards
Gillies	M'Farlane
O'Conor	Briner
Davidson	Fegan
Mackenzie	R. J. Anderson
Robson	W. Anderson
J. H. Young.	Henley
Hindmarsh	Edden

AGAINST THE MOTION, 12.

Macdonell	Charlton
Jones	Nicholson
Cann	M'Garry
Hollis	Thomas
Nielsen	Reynoldson
Meehan	Kearney

ADJOURNMENT.

The House at 2.10 a.m. (Thursday) adjourned until 4.30 p.m. the same day.

SOUTH OF ENGLAND MATCH.

AUSTRALIANS 211.

LONDON, Sept. 13.

At Hastings to-day, after the dismissal of Noble, M'Leod joined Hopkins, and the two having raised the score to 116 the Victorian was easily caught at point by Lees off Braund for 5. Hopkins, 9, had for partner Cotter, who was badly missed by M'Gahey second ball. At 135 Cotter, 8, was bowled by Lees, Hopkins being 20.

Kelly and Hopkins got together, and scored at a great rate. In 35 minutes they obtained 64 runs. Kelly especially hit hard, but was lucky, being missed three times. Hopkins showed skilful driving power, and secured one 6. He gave a chance at slip. At 199, Kelly, who was 85, was caught at mid-off by Lees off Crawford, Hopkins being 44. Laver having obtained 1, while Hopkins added 6 more, he was bowled by Braund, and the innings closed for 211, 77 in advance of the England men's total. Hopkins, who displayed admirable defence, beside the six, hit six fours, his innings occupying 80 minutes. Extras amounted to 37.

Vine and Hayward opened the second innings for South of England. The former was caught by Armstrong off his own bowling before scoring. Hayward was 2, and there were 3 extras on the board. The adjournment for lunch was now made.

After lunch M'Gahey filled the vacancy, and the score is now 50 with one wicket down, Hayward 20, M'Gahey 21.

Following is the score:—

SOUTH OF ENGLAND.—First Innings.

T. Hayward, c Hopkins, b M'Leod	33
J. Vine, c Laver, b Armstrong	1
C. M'Gahey, c and b Armstrong	8
L. C. Braund, c Darling, b M'Leod	33
Sewell, c Darling, b M'Leod	32
G. L. Jessop, b Noble	0
Crawford, b Noble	0
W. Lees, c Armstrong, b M'Leod	6
W. G. Grace, b Noble	2
H. R. Butt, c Laver, b Noble	0
N. F. Knox, not out	5
Sundries	9
Total	134

Bowling Analysis.—Armstrong, two for 37; Laver, none for 35; M'Leod, four for 30; Noble, four for 25.

AUSTRALIA.—First Innings.

J. Darling, c Grace, b Crawford	2
W. W. Armstrong, b Crawford	19
C. Hill, st Butt, b Braund	19
M. A. Noble, c Hayward, b Crawford	14
S. E. Gregory, b Braund	16
R. A. Duff, b Braund	5
A. J. Hopkins, not out	50
C. E. M'Leod, c Lees, b Braund	5
A. Cotter, b Lees	8
J. J. Kelly, c Lees, b Crawford	35
F. Laver, b Braund	1
Sundries	37
Total	211

Bowling Analysis.—Lees, one for 36; Crawford, four for 69; Braund, five for 69.

SOUTH OF ENGLAND.—Second Innings.

J. Vine, c and b Armstrong	0
T. Hayward, not out	20
C. M'Gahey, not out	21
Sundries	9
One wicket for	50

SILVER.

LONDON, Sept. 13.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 2s 4 11-16d per ounce standard, an advance of 1-16d since Monday.

QUEENSLAND.

COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC SERVICE ACT.

JUDGE REFUSES TO CERTIFY.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

An application was made in the Insolvency Court to-day, before Mr. Justice Real, for a certificate of discharge to Charles Robert Parish, of Kangaroo Point, employed in the Postal Department. The Registrar drew his Honor's attention to section 66 of the Commonwealth Public Service Act, which required the Judge to certify to the head of the department in which the public servant was employed if he found any fraud, extravagance, or other misconduct. His Honor said he hardly knew why that section had been introduced. If the head of the department were competent to perform the duty, what was there to stop him making the necessary inquiries himself. He (his Honor) was not going to certify, and he doubted if he would ever act under that section. In this case he was very pleased to see that relatives had done all they could to assist the insolvent, and he did not feel called upon to certify as section 66 required. He granted the application for a certificate.

THE AGENT-GENERAL.

MUST BE NON-POLITICAL.

Speaking in the Legislative Assembly to-night on the vote for the Agent-General, the Premier said he had seen the statement that Sir Horace Tozer was to retire at the end of the year published in Melbourne by the Agent-General, but he had no other authority for the statement. He (Mr. Morgan) would decline the position even if the salary was double what it was. Nothing would induce him (Mr. Morgan) to go to London. If the Commonwealth appointed a High Commissioner it would be advisable to reconsider the arrangement for State representation, but even if a High Commissioner were appointed it would still be desirable to have separate State representation, probably by a man who would devote himself largely to the commercial side. He (Mr. Morgan) considered the Agent-General should eschew politics, and he had told Sir Horace Tozer he objected to him dealing in politics.

ORIENT COMPANY'S AGREEMENT.

Mr. Morgan stated to-day that a copy of the agreement between the Queensland Government and the Orient Company was despatched to the Prime Minister on the 8th inst. Moreover, at the same time a letter was sent on the question of the Federal Government taking over the payment of the subsidy. Mr. Morgan said that all the points of the agreement had been settled between the Government and the company, and the agreement was now submitted for signature.

A CHINAMAN'S SUDDEN DEATH.

The Coroner has been informed of the sudden death yesterday of a Chinese named Few Kum Leong, 39 years of age, described as a storeman. It appears that the deceased, who was a recent arrival from New Zealand, was about to take passage by the steamer Empire for China. On Tuesday he complained of feeling unwell, and was found dead in his bed at a lodging-house in George-street North.

WRECK OF THE JONES BROTHERS.

CONTINUATION OF THE INQUEST.

CAPTAIN PENNER'S STATEMENT.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

The inquest on the bodies of the seamen who were recovered from the wreck of the schooner Jones Brothers was resumed to-day before the City Coroner (Mr. Hibble).

Wallace Royle, lookout man at Signal Hill, stated that on the night of the wreck his mate called him, and said, "You had better get up; the Helen Nicoll is coming round the breakwater, and I think the towline has carried away." On looking towards the harbour entrance he saw the Helen Nicoll steering south-east, also the green light of the tow. The steamer was then about 250ft from the wreck of the Adolphe, and the masthead light of the schooner was visible until five minutes to 1 o'clock, when it disappeared. He thought the schooner was then away to the north of the Oyster Bank and clear of the reef. When the schooner's lights disappeared he thought the vessel had set sail and headed off the land. Had he thought anything was wrong he would have fired the gun for the lifeboat crew.

Captain Boulden, inspector of shipping, said that he was on board the Jones Brothers before she left the harbour. Captain Olsen told him he did not intend to proceed to sea that night as he expected bad weather.

Captain Dickson, master of the steamer Beagle, stated that he entered the harbour about midnight on the 30th ult. When he came in the bar signals indicated "sea smooth." A heavy sea was breaking

in extent, enclosed with a brush or cane-grass wall. Ours was simply a semicircle of bushes roughly heaped up to break the wind. It is always called the green, though there is seldom any green about it. The ground is covered with square sheets, and the wet wool, taken from the drainers, is spread thinly over them. Each man works so many sheets, going over them repeatedly, picking the wool up in his hands and shaking it out. Every gust of wind scatters dead leaves and twigs over it, and these have to be picked out. Dust storms occur pretty often, and then there is a desperate rush to roll up the sheets of wool and stack them in the bag shed otherwise the wool would have to be washed over again. When the storm has passed, if it is not then too late in the afternoon the sheets are carried out and re-spread. The sheets are also rolled at sundown, and put out again in the morning, the wool being thrown into temporary bins as soon as sufficiently dry to be pressed.

A good shed is generally provided for the dry wool, and for storing the bales when pressed, in favourable localities. But our press—carted down from the station—stood in the open, and the bales were stacked and covered with tarpaulins. On one occasion at this scour a waggon was loaded with the last lot of dumped wool, ready for the road, when a big flood came down in the night. The camp was on a slight rise, but it was covered at daylight, and nearly a mile of water lay between there and high ground. All hands waded through it, carrying baggage and campware. The stage and crates had been wrecked during the night, but the bullock yokes and wool packs were rescued and hung up on limbs. The loaded waggon was chained to trees, so that it could not capsize, and it remained there for three weeks, the flat being too boggy after the flood subsided to pull out. Luckily the water did not rise to the decking, and the wool escaped undamaged.

Doing the skins is the dirtiest work of all at these primitive wool scours. Only inferior skins, however, are fellmongered, as short-woolled dry, and wrinkled skins, and those that have been damaged by insects. The best skins, when taken off, are put on a stretcher to dry, and about once a year are pressed into bales and sent away. Those treated locally are stacked in shallow water, and left there till they are pretty well rotten. They are then carried out, black with mud, and scraped, and the wool washed. The pelts are thrown away, and the effluvium therefrom could be cut with a crosscut saw. On many stations the "dead wool" is collected and scoured. It is gathered in bags from the runs, about a penny a pound being paid for it by the station. Dead sheep that are not too far gone are skinned, while the rotten carcases are plucked. This is the last of the shearing, the final cut-out, and everyone is glad that it is so, from the manager down to the lonely boundary-rider.

NEWCASTLE.

COAL TRUCKS DERAILED.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

The train service was disorganised to-night through several coal trucks becoming derailed at Teralba. The train which left Newcastle for Sydney at 5.10 p.m. was delayed until 7.30 for some considerable time, and the Brisbane mail, which usually arrives here at 8.30 p.m., was over 20 minutes late. The passenger train which leaves Sydney for Newcastle shortly before 4 o'clock did not reach its destination until 9 o'clock, being an hour overdue.

CASUALTIES.

RUNAWAY IN THE CITY.

Yesterday morning a horse attached to a sulky belonging to No. 3 Fire Station, Circular Quay, bolted in Argyle Cut. The occupants, two firemen named John Chambers and George Turner, aged 24 and 26 respectively, were thrown out, and sustained injuries to the ankles. The animal afterwards turned into Kent-street at a break-neck speed, but was pluckily stopped by Richard Williams, a butcher, of Miller's Point.

A BOY DROWNED.

BATHURST, Wednesday.

Frederick Walder, aged 12, living with his widowed mother in South Bathurst, was drowned yesterday afternoon in Vale Creek, near the Corporation Sheards. The lad took a wheelbarrow to the creek to gather wood, and it is supposed that he slipped in. He was missed last night, and this morning was tracked to the creek, when the body was found in a hole 9ft deep.

DEATH OF MR. FRASER BUCHANAN.

WAGGA, Wednesday.

The inquest on the body of Mr. Fraser Buchanan, grazier, which was found in the Murrumbidgee yesterday, was held to-day. The evidence showed that the deceased had been missing for three weeks. A verdict of found drowned, but that there was no evidence to show how he got into the river, was returned. The evidence showed that there were no marks of violence on the body. The deceased was a single man. His mother and brother are in Scotland, his only relative in Australia being Mr. Duncan Love, of the firm of Messrs. M'Naughton and Love, Flinders-street, Melbourne.

SERIOUS RIDING ACCIDENT.

NOWRA, Wednesday.

Mr. Thomas Weir, farmer, of Kangaroo Mount, was riding over the Nowra Bridge to-day, when the horse suddenly swerved and threw him, his head striking a portion of the ironwork, causing concussion of the brain. He was conveyed on a trolly to an hotel, where he lies in an unconscious state.

FALL FROM ALOFT AT SEA.

SAILOR'S NARROW ESCAPE.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Wednesday.

During the passage of the barque Elisabeth Braham from Newcastle to Lyttelton, Robert Bull, a sailor, fell from the upper foretopsail yard and struck the side of the vessel, and then fell overboard. He was rescued, when it was found that his right leg was broken.

A CLERK'S SUICIDE.

KALGOORLIE, Wednesday.

The inquest on the body of William Wright, who died suddenly in the office of his employers, Maughan and Gurner, on Friday last, was concluded to-day. Deceased left letters addressed to his employers and wife. It was elicited that a shortage had been discovered in deceased's accounts. The jury returned a verdict that deceased committed suicide by taking cyanide, and that he had done so on account of financial difficulties.

MINING FATALITY.

PREMATURE EXPLOSION OF CHARGES.

LAUNCESTON, Wednesday.

This afternoon a fatal accident occurred in the bottom of Grubb's shaft at the Tasmania mine. Nineteen men were making drill holes for charging and on completing retired to the 500ft level, with the exception of E. Mullins, shift captain, T. Wellington, A. Kerrison, and J. Levings, who remained to fire the charges. All the fuses were lit and the men had got in the cage waiting the signal from Mullins to heave up, when one of the charges exploded, and then another, killing Mullins and bruising Levings and Kerrison. The escape of Wellington and Kerrison with little injury was miraculous. Levings is now in the hospital in a precarious condition.

THE WEATHER.

During the course of Tuesday night light showers fell in scattered places along the Murray and over the Riverina and Darling districts. The rain, however, was of little service, as the heaviest registration was only 7 points at Albury. An additional quantity of 6 points was measured at Albury yesterday afternoon. The winds on Tuesday night were fresh and dusty at most places, and on the South Coast were strongly. At Gabo Island the wind reached the force of a moderate gale.

H. A. Hunt says the high pressure has again moved northwards, and the depression has responded to the west of Tasmania, but not with the activity it presented on Monday. Fresh to strong north-westerly winds are expected, with unsettled and thundery weather, and scattered rain over the eastern half of the State. Fine weather is likely to follow far west, with a change of wind shortly to south-westerlies.

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NEW SOUTH WALES PARLIAMENT.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

The President took the chair at 4.30 p.m.

SMOKE NUISANCE ABATEMENT.

On the motion of Mr. Brunker, leave was given to bring in a bill to amend the Smoke Nuisance Abatement Act, 1902. The bill was brought in and read the first time.

NEGLECTED CHILDREN AND JUVENILE OFFENDERS BILL.

This bill was read the third time, and returned to the Assembly, an amendment by Mr. Hawken to recommit the measure for reconsideration of clause 5 (sub-clause E) being negatived.

MOSS VALE CATTLE SALE YARDS BILL.

On the motion of Mr. Humphery this bill was read the second time and passed through committee without amendment. The third reading was fixed for Wednesday next.

BOROUGH OF BROMPTON NAMING BILL.

Mr. ROBSON moved the second reading of this bill, and after discussion, during which the bill was opposed by Sir Normand MacLaurin and Messrs. Charles, Meagher, Flowers, Brunker, and Kater, and supported by Mr. Gannon, the second reading was negatived on division by 21 to 4.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House at 5.35 p.m. adjourned till 4 o'clock on Wednesday next.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

The Speaker took the chair at half-past 4 o'clock.

BOXING EXHIBITIONS.

The CHIEF SECRETARY, in answer to Mr. Booth, said that his attention had been drawn to a recent exhibition of boxing, but it had been reported to him that on the occasion referred to nothing occurred to warrant the police interfering, and as a matter of fact such contests were held to be not illegal.

METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS moved,—"That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of completing the raising and relining of the lower canal and the construction of an aqueduct at Booth Town, Sydney water supply." He made a general statement showing the details of the cost, and the urgency of the work, which was to increase the capacity of the metropolitan water supply, and was the continuation of a scheme which had been in existence for many years. The total estimated cost of the work was £66,455, and it would take three years to complete. It would be carried out by the Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board, and when completed would be reproductive.

Mr. O'SULLIVAN suggested that the committee should also have power to inquire as to the advisableness of duplicating the pipe line in case of anything happening to the single line. The city would then have some security against a water famine in the event of an accident.

Mr. CARSON thought the information afforded by the Minister was very meagre. They were entitled to know the deficiency of the present system to cope with requirements. The expenditure could not be called reproductive, as it would simply add to the capital cost of the existing system.

Mr. H. YOUNG said the matter was urgent, or the Minister would not have brought it forward as urgent on the advice of his responsible officers.

Mr. PERRY (The Richmond) complained that the new works he noticed on the business paper were all in the neighbourhood of Sydney.

Mr. DAVIDSON said he knew the locality, and in view of the increase of population in and around Sydney the proposal to add to the capacity of the canal was amply justified.

The motion was agreed to.

WESTERN SUBURBS SEWAGE.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS moved,—"That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of carrying out a scheme for the treatment of sewage at the western suburbs outfall on Rockdale Sewage Farm, by liquefying tanks and filters." He said that this scheme, which would be cheaper and more effective than the present system, would cost £55,000. The population of the district that would benefit was 100,000, and later on the work would be extended. The system of disposing of sewage on open farms was not the success that had been anticipated.

Mr. HENLEY said it was absolutely necessary to deal with the sewerage system of the whole of the western suburbs. He supported the motion.

Mr. E. W. O'SULLIVAN thought the question should go to the Public Works Committee. It was a sanitary work, and therefore called for attention. After all that the members of this Government had said about the extravagance of the late Administration, if unnecessary work of this kind was brought forward.

Mr. BENNETT asked where the money for the scheme was to be obtained. This seemed a big project for a Government pledged either to economy or additional expenditure. He asked for further information.

The motion was agreed to by 51 votes to 7, the minority being Labour members.

ILLAWARRA SUBURBS SEWERAGE.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS moved,—"That it be referred to the Public Works Committee to consider and report upon the expediency of carrying out a scheme of sewerage for the Illawarra suburbs." The matter, he said, was inquired into in 1900 by the then engineer for sewerage construction, who submitted a report, in which he estimated the cost of a scheme to embrace the whole of the suburbs at £119,913. His report was divided into two sections, and it was the first section which it was proposed to refer to the Public Works Committee. That section dealt with the suburbs between Arncliffe and Hurstville, and the estimated cost of that portion of the scheme was £65,714.

The motion was agreed to.

PARRAMATTA SEWERAGE WORKS.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS moved,—"That it is expedient that the construction of sewerage works for the town of Parramatta, referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out." He stated that this matter had been under investigation for a great many years, and had been agitated for by the people of Parramatta for a considerable time. It had been considered by the Public Works Committee three times, and on the last occasion that body submitted a recommendation that a septic tank sewerage system be carried out, at an estimated cost of £60,000. Included in the estimate was a sum of £14,000 already expended on stormwater channels. The Parramatta Municipal Council undertook to pay interest on the cost of carrying out the scheme, and also to provide a sinking fund to pay off the capital cost. At present the scheme would accommodate 12,000 people, of whom over 3000 were in State institutions. It was, therefore, considered only fair that the Government should contribute something towards the annual cost of the scheme, and it was proposed that the contribution be at the rate of 10s a year for each inmate in the Government institutions The Parramatta Council estimated that a 1s rate would meet working expenses, interest on capital cost, and provide a contribution to the sinking fund.

Mr. KELLY said the proposal was extraordinary in view of the announcement of the Government that rigid economy was to be observed. He doubted if the scheme could be financed on the basis indicated. If the scheme were to be paid out of surplus revenue he would not object to it, but he was opposed to borrowing money.

Mr. NIELSEN said there could be no objection to the scheme if the Parramatta people were given the right to levy a higher rate than 1s in view of the fact that the asylums might be removed at any time. He did not think the proposal rested on a sound financial footing.

Mr. CANN said that according to the report of the committee the Parramatta Municipal Council was already fairly heavily burdened, its indebtedness being £80,503. Including the cost of the sewerage scheme they would have to pay interest on £140,000. He pointed out that the ratepayers would object to a higher rate than 9d, but a 9d rate on the whole of the rateable property in Parramatta would amount to only £2379, whereas the annual cost of the scheme would be £3696, exclusive of working expenses. He admitted that in the case of health and possibly life they could not regard the proposal from a strictly financial standpoint. He would therefore vote for the motion, but suggested instead of granting £1200 a year on the basis of the number of asylum inmates it would be better for the Government to write down the capital cost at once.

Mr. O'SULLIVAN said that on the assumption the Government could find the money he would vote for the motion. There was no town more in need of a sewerage scheme.

Mr. STOREY said he would vote for the motion, but took exception to the proposal to subsidise the municipal council with a sum of money contingent upon a certain number of patients being in an asylum. It was a pettifogging way of dealing with the oldest town in Australia.

Mr. MOXHAM said that the cost of the proposed scheme would be only about £4000 a year. This was a municipal work; the Government was merely proposing to finance the council. The Parramatta municipality had always been able to meet its obligations. Its indebtedness now was about £53,000, and this scheme would not at all increase the taxpayers' burdens.

Several members having spoken,

The MINISTER FOR WORKS, in reply, said that the cost of the scheme would first be made known to the council. A system that gave an estimate of £20,000, but which when the work was completed, saw the cost nearer £40,000, was monstrous and unfair to the municipality. If the estimated cost ran in excess of that authorised by Parliament he would not have it carried out.

The motion was agreed to.

NORTH COAST RAILWAY.

MAITLAND TO SOUTH GRAFTON LINE.

ESTIMATED COST £2,697,320.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS moved.—"That it is expedient that the construction of a line of railway from Maitland to South Grafton referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Public Works Committee be carried out." He was aware that a work of that magnitude would necessarily provoke an amount of criticism. For many years he had advocated the construction of a line from Tenterfield to Casino, but he had always said that that would have no connection with the present proposal. There was no line more deserving of consideration than that between the tablelands of New England and the Richmond; but it did not touch the question of the line from Maitland to South Grafton. The present proposal was fraught with grave consequences. He referred to the development of the country which the proposed line would traverse and its great possibilities. That part of the country was carrying only 45,000 to 50,000 people to-day, but its capabilities were between two and three millions of people who could live on small areas. The future of the North Coast district was beyond the conception of any living man. The more it was opened up the greater would be its development, and there was only one way of doing that properly, and that was by railway communication. Having an intimate knowledge of the district for the last 33 years, he was satisfied that all the money they could spend and all the stone they could tip into the sea at the mouths of the northern rivers would never give the proper access to the country beyond. Although the cost of the railway would be large, yet it must be understood that this great length of line could not be carried out in one, two, or four years. It could not be completed under five years, but a commencement had to be made. The cost could be spread over a series of years, and if the proposal met with the approval of the House sections of the line would be earning good returns many years before it reached its ultimate destination. The length of the line was 310 miles 58 chains, and the estimated cost, as stated before the Public Works Committee, £2,650,820, exclusive of land and compensation. That sum, however, had been increased by the addition of £46,500 to provide for the use of 70lb rails, instead of 60lb rails, so that the estimate now stood at £2,697,320. The Public Works Committee recommended the construction of a through line, provided a betterment tax was imposed through the alienated lands within the area benefited by the railway until the line became self-supporting, and, in addition, a moiety of the revenue, whether from sale or lease, derived from the area of land still in possession of the Crown within the same radius be devoted to writing off the capital cost of the railway. The Government had decided, however, not to embody either provision in the bill. The estimated annual loss was £52,779, but allowing for new traffic the railway would bring to the Great Northern line that would be reduced to £32,779. There was nothing in the proposal to impose a moiety of the revenue derived from land.

Mr. GRIFFITH: It is very unfair to the Railway Commissioners to give them a line that does not pay.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS: That is true. As to the betterment principle, if that system had been adopted at the very first it would be fair, but was it fair that the people in this district, who had borne the heat and burden of the day, should be singled out? He thought the principle unsound.

Mr. GRIFFITH: What about the A.A. Company?

The MINISTER FOR WORKS said that if there was no settlement along the route, nor any possibility of settlement, it would be idle to talk of such a railway. But such was not the case. There was a fair amount of settlement already, and as soon as a railway was constructed, population would increase rapidly. There was excellent land in the vicinity of the rivers, above and below the route of the proposed railway, and also between the rivers. There was a large area of Crown lands open for application, and, if it were provided a railway was constructed. The line would run through the Gloucester Estate for 52 miles, and every day it was being settled with farmers. It would traverse the Dorrigo country, which had all the rich qualities of the Richmond, with its magnificent timbers, but with a much better climate. The possibilities of the Dorrigo were very large, otherwise the Government would never propose such a railway. As soon as access was given to the Dorrigo country the scene of desolation would be left idle. Then there were the magnificent lands along the Manning, Comboyne, Macleay, Nambucca, Bellinger, and Clarence Rivers. If there were no future possibilities of traffic on such a railway, then he feared for the general prosperity of the State.

Mr. THOMAS: What area of Crown land do you expect the line will open up?

The MINISTER FOR WORKS: Roughly speaking, 2,500,000 acres; not all good land, certainly, and a good deal of it rough country, but a large area excellent in quality. It was certainly that in the future the railway would pay.

Mr. PERRY (Liverpool Plains): Do you ask for a guarantee from the settlers?

The MINISTER FOR WORKS: No, because the line was regarded as a national one. To a large extent, it also formed a short direct overland railway between Sydney and Brisbane. True, the North Coast steamers provided a good service between Sydney and the ports along the coast, but it was often uncertain. There would always be a certain amount of low-class traffic carried by steamers, but there would be a sufficiently large quantity of high-class traffic that could afford to pay railway rates. The possibilities of settlement in the northern rivers district were so immense that he was satisfied before the line reached its destination in five years' time, the traffic would have increased to such an extent along the completed sections as to make up for the deficiency which would certainly occur if the line were completed in one year. He did not agree with those people who said that the railway would interfere with the proposed line from Tenterfield to Casino. Although the North Coast railway would involve a large expenditure, it seemed to him one of the soundest proposals ever brought forward by the Government. It would not have been submitted to the House, unless it had been approved by Ministers, and after the Premier had satisfied himself he was able to finance it up to the point of completion. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. NIELSEN said he would oppose the construction of the railway on the ground that the North Coast district was pretty well served at the present moment by steamers. The Public Works Committee only recommended the construction of the line on condition that the alienated lands paid a betterment tax, and the Crown lands contributed a quota towards the loss incurred during the first few years. Yet the Minister for Works did not propose to impose those conditions. If the Public Works Committee had known that such would be the case they would never have recommended the line. He contended that the railway could not compete against the coastal steamship companies. He believed the estimate of the passenger traffic by the Railway Commissioners was very much inflated, because the settlement was at present confined to the river flats in close proximity to water carriage, and even if the estimate of £47,000 allowed for goods traffic were fair, it was possible it would be largely decreased by water competition. He admitted the country was well supplied with timber, but every piece of timber would only be carried to the nearest port. Moreover, a large amount had been spent on the rivers and bar harbours, and it would still be necessary to keep them open. Under the most sanguine calculations of the Railway Commissioners there would be an annual loss of £52,000 on the proposed line for many years to come. Had the proposal been brought forward under the betterment tax he would have regarded it with more favour. Within 30 miles of the line there were two million acres of alienated land. He admitted there was a large area of Crown land which would also be benefited by the railway—2,800,000 acres—and he did not see why the Government should object to a certain amount of it being allowed towards defraying the cost.

Mr. M'FARLANE said he could endorse all that the Minister for Works had said in favour of the scheme. He was afraid Mr Nielsen did not know the North Coast country. It was not conceivable to him how anyone aware of the great richness of that country could oppose the line. He congratulated the daily press upon its action in pointing out again and again the value of the coastal strip. The tendency of the State was towards land settlement, and the North Coast area of the country to be served by the proposed railway was suitable for settlement purposes. There was a rainfall of from 40 to 60 inches, and fine soil. It must not be forgotten, too, that the young men of the State were being attracted to Queensland. Along the proposed route there was an immense area of Crown lands that would, with the line, go under settlement. For the year ending December, 1904, the output of the North Coast was as follows:—Butter, 21,771,469lb; bacon, 3,173,817lb; sugarcane, 189,640 tons; timber, 53,439,000 superficial feet; fish, 34,476 baskets; oysters, 46,[illegible] sacks; 62,622 potatoes, 32,100 tons; maize, 126,061 bushels; while the dairy cows numbered 32,663;

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AMUSEMENTS.

AMATEUR ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

The most important feature in last night's programme of the Sydney Amateur Orchestral Society at the Town Hall was provided in the repetition of Raff's "Lenore Symphony," which includes an andante of such surpassing charm that at its conclusion many in the audience were wondering how it was that the work had not been brought forward in its entirety since 1893. The explanation was soon revealed in the formidable dimensions of the symphony, which takes an hour to perform, thus in the end straining the attention, besides occupying an undue proportion of the evening's entertainment. An exhaustive programme-note covered every aspect of this descriptive setting of Burger's weird German legend of the Spectre's bride, which is generally familiar to readers in one form or another the wide world over. The due interpretation of the music, though well within the grasp of Signor Hazon's orchestra, must have involved an immense amount of intelligent and painstaking rehearsal. In the first part ("Love and Happiness"), although the opening movement is full of melody conveyed in orchestration of the richest character, it is, as already noted, the andante that proves so entirely captivating. It was herein that the players presented their best work, because, from first to last, they exhibited the tenderest sentiment and tenderness. The beautiful horn theme, so suggestive of moonlight and the calm of Nature, with its quaint accompaniment for flutes, clarionett, and 'celli pizzicato was admirably rendered, and the violins, in their fullest and richest tones, gave significance to the entrancing theme in which the rapture of love is typified. The second part ("Revelry") is the famous "Rompodi Marcia," the haunting melody of which everyone remembers. It bears revival less well than anything else in the symphony. However, this simple regimental march, with its ingeniously elaborated orchestration, is adroitly relieved by a passionate intermezzo just as it begins to become tedious. The public, as usual, applauded this martial piece with great warmth, the popular taste being for the idea of a band approaching and departing. This was picturesquely shown by the players, who responded readily to the insistence on rhythmic accentuation demanded by the conductor. In the third part ("Re-union in Death") the supernatural element varied the interest. The "Hymn of the Dead" by the trombones, in melancholy ecclesiastical tones, beneath which the galloping of hoofs was incessantly heard, broken only by the neighings of the spectral charger, presented the most illustrative portions of the work. It is rather strange that Raff should have made the prayer for Lenore at the end distinctly from earth to heaven, when the use of harps and other angelic adjuncts would have afforded the contrast of celestial intercession; but it is possible that the composer dreaded the charge of plagiarism.

Two new pieces were rendered. The concert opened with the first of these, Cherubini's overture to his opera-ballet "Anacreon ou l'Amour Fugitif." This famous composition, with the incisive chords which give so much dignity to the opening, and the vivacious grace and brilliancy that characterise the overture as a whole, was cleverly rendered, the orchestra generally being splendidly worked up. The performance gave a distinctly classic interest to the evening. From Cherubini to Raymond Rose, conductor of the little orchestra at Mr. Beerbohm Tree's theatre in London, represents an almost lathomless descent. Yet the new composer's "Extase d'Amour" was sauvely tender, a quality duly set out by the violins with Mr. Henri Schmitz at their head, and the wooing was dainty and refined. In Australia Mr. Rose is chiefly known for the plaintive, old-world ballad which Miss Nellie Stewart sings so sweetly as Nell Gwynne. Other orchestral numbers which should be referred to are the Nocturne for the end of the third act of "Midsummer Night's Dream," Mendelssohn's beautiful horn theme to which was mellifluously played by Mr. J. A. Arcus, and the magnificent Vorspiel to "Die Meistersinger," which stirringly closed the concert. Miss Violet Mount, who is so soon leaving Australia, proved in excellent voice in "The Shadow Song," in which she showed fluency, and avoided overstraining her resources. This singer, who is heard to greater advantage when not attempting these grand opera numbers, sang charmingly Eva Dell' Acqua's "Villanelle" to a delightful accompaniment of harps (the Signorine Hazon), oboe (Mr. J. W. Aitken), and 'cello (Herr Gerard Vollmar). The successful singer declined the encore owing to the lateness of the hour. Mr. J. Edward Sykes was the pianist.

BYRON'S COMEDY, "UNCLE."

Byron's comedy, "Uncle," was performed at St. James's Hall last night in connection with the Australian Elocutionists' Association, and under the stage direction of Mr. Lawrence Campbell. There was a good attendance, and a capital amateur rendering of the piece excited responsive laughter and applause. The main fun of the comedy arises from the surreptitious marriage of Paul Beaumont, a pensioner on the bounty of his cheery Uncle Booth, who has bidden him remain a bachelor. Bootle's unexpected arrival obliges Paul to pass off his wife Teresina upon his old friend Peter Fletcher, who on being made aware of the situation that Paul suffers agonising spasms of jealousy. When the maid-of-all-work betrays the deception to Uncle Bootle that old warrior too has a little fun at Paul's expense, but ultimately forgives the erring one, and consents to his union with so pretty a bride. Mr. Harrison Allen gave an effective portrayal of the choleric, blustering, good-hearted Booth, in the old-fashioned gaiters and heavy shooting-coat, with its bulging pockets; Miss Irene Lee proved a vivacious Teresina; Mr. Cyril Shorter was well placed as Peter; and the cast also included Mr. Ray Clark, Mr. F. H. Brown, Miss Ethel Johnston, and Miss Ruby Allison.

SCOTCH CONCERT AT REDFERN.

A Scotch concert was held in the Redfern Town Hall last evening, the object being to augment the repairs and improvement fund in connection with St. Luke's Presbyterian Church. Amongst those who contributed to the programme were Mrs. Wm. Finlay, Mrs. H. A. Dyson, the Misses N. Murray, N. M. Patrick, L. and S. Cook, Messrs. Alex. Edward, F. Macrae, J. Kay, R. Kay, M. Morrison, Kennedy, Blake, Mc. D. Mercfield, Master Robert McAlister, and the Sydney Scottish Choral Society. The entertainment was carried out under the supervision of Mr. D. Kennedy.

MISS STONEHAM'S RECITAL.

Miss Arline Stoneham, a young pianist, who has won various honours at the Trinity College examinations, gave a recital at Paling's concert-hall yesterday afternoon, before a large audience, chiefly of ladies. Miss Stoneham, who has studied prolifably under Edouard Hollo Harrin, gave a matter-of-fact rendering of the Bach-Tausig "Pocesta and Fugue in D Minor," and generally speaking, she cannot be credited with a definite platform style. But in Grieg's "Au deu Frohling," and the Schumann-Liszt "Devotion," she played agreeably, and was, indeed, cordially received throughout the afternoon. Miss Emma Busmilch's finished style and charming vocal quality gave distinction to songs by Hildach, Leoni, Finden, Berger, and the late Goring Thomas.

ISLAND NEWS.

THE DEATH ROLL.

NORFOLK ISLAND, Wednesday.

The steamer Tambo, Captain Wetherall, arrived from the islands at noon to-day, and will sail at 6 o'clock. She had a good weather passage and returns a full ship.

Her master reports the following deaths.—At Ambrym, the Rev. Mr. Fleming; at Tangoa, Mrs. Axam; at Banks Island, Mr. Holmes; at Aoba, Mr. Joyce.

The Tambo brings as through passengers Mrs. M'Donald, three daughters and son, and will take hence Mr. Waterhouse and son and Miss Fish.

THE REV. GEORGE FLEMING.

The death of the Rev. George Fleming, the news of which will be received in Sydney with great regret, was not altogether unexpected, for he had been suffering for a considerable time past with a serious chest complaint. Quite recently the deceased paid a visit to Sydney on furlough—in fact, he only returned to the islands on the last trip of the Tambo, which sailed from Sydney on the 1st of last month. He was then in a very weak state of health, and was strongly urged to remain in Sydney. He, however, declined to accept the advice of his friends, on the ground that he was very anxious to resume his work among the natives, and he was accompanied on the voyage by his wife and family.

The deceased missionary was connected with the Presbyterian Church, and was stationed at the island of Ambrym, in the New Hebrides group. He came from Scotland to fill the position, and was one of the more recent arrivals in the islands. Previously he would shortly be largely increased and financial support would be more liberally given. The subscriptions for the general purposes of the association last year were less than £300, a sum altogether inadequate to meet the expenditure of the large work included in the object of the association, the necessity for which every year became more apparent. The revenue on general account increased from £1712 in 1904 to £2206 in 1905, an increase being principally—employment agency, 1904 £125, and 1905 £188, while the boarders' payments increased from £832 in 1904 to £1216 in 1905. In regard to the Central Institute, it was stated that 2000 persons were for longer or shorter periods inmates of the house during the year. In October last Miss Nellie Saddler having resigned the position of matron, Miss S. B. Heard, formerly a member of the Cork Y.W.C.A., and superintendent of its work for the young women, was appointed lady superintendent, a position she had filled with satisfaction to all who had come in contact with her. Reference was also made to the appointment of Miss Heard to the position of general secretary and to the admirable work which she had done in Cork. The Home of Rest at Bowral had been thronged during the year, and had well fulfilled its purpose, and the other branches of the association were all in active and successful work. The death of Miss Cadell was referred to with regret, the association having thus lost a valued helper.

The report, together with the balance-sheet, was adopted.

A new constitution was adopted, the most important change effected under it being the transference of the election of officers from the general body of members to the committee.

The committee were re-elected.

A SAILOR ARRESTED.

A German sailor, about 25 years of age, was arrested last evening in the yard of Mr. E. L. Brown, general merchant, of 361 Pitt-street, and charged with having, without lawful excuse, housebreaking implements in his possession. An examination of the premises showed that an entrance had not been obtained by the front door, and it is therefore presumed that he must have climbed over a large gate at the rear, about 9ft high, and protected on the top by several rows of barb wire. The gate is in Union-lane, about 20 yards from the Central Police Station. On being searched at the station, a gimlet, a small saw, a piece of jute, and a brush were found in his possession. The officers concerned in the arrest were Detectives Fullerton, Murdoch, and Ward, and Constables Taylor and Vindin. The man will appear at the Central Police Court this morning.

YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING.

The annual business meeting of the Y.W.C.A. was held last night in the institution, the Ven. Archdeacon Langley presiding.

Lady Rose read the report, which stated that at the close of the first full year in the new building it was very gratifying to know that the income for the general purposes of the association had been sufficient to meet the expenditure, while the contributions to the building fund had enabled the committee to pay off the overdraft on June 30, 1904 (£449 19s 7d), and also to reduce the mortgage from £3000 to £7500. The subscriptions, donations, and members' fees were about the same as during the previous year. This was scarcely satisfactory, and it was hoped that owing to the enlarged opportunities for Christian and philanthropic work, and the advantages to members afforded by the convenience of the splendid new building, the institution would shortly be largely increased and financial support would be more liberally given. The subscriptions for the general purposes of the association last year were less than £300, a sum altogether inadequate to meet the expenditure of the large work included in the object of the association, the necessity for which every year became more apparent. The revenue on general account increased from £1712 in 1904 to £2206 in 1905, an increase being principally—employment agency, 1904 £125, and 1905 £188, while the boarders' payments increased from £832 in 1904 to £1216 in 1905. In regard to the Central Institute, it was stated that 2000 persons were for longer or shorter periods inmates of the house during the year. In October last Miss Nellie Saddler having resigned the position of matron, Miss S. B. Heard, formerly a member of the Cork Y.W.C.A., and superintendent of its work for the young women, was appointed lady superintendent, a position she had filled with satisfaction to all who had come in contact with her. Reference was also made to the appointment of Miss Heard to the position of general secretary and to the admirable work which she had done in Cork. The Home of Rest at Bowral had been thronged during the year, and had well fulfilled its purpose, and the other branches of the association were all in active and successful work. The death of Miss Cadell was referred to with regret, the association having thus lost a valued helper.

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EVANGELICAL COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Evangelical Council, held at the Centenary Hall, attention was directed to the frequent breaches of Sunday observance by the holding of Sunday concerts in Australia, and particularly Sunday harbour concerts, swimming carnivals, etc. It was resolved that the officers be requested to collect information to be placed before the proper authorities. The newspaper report of a recent boxing contest, in which one of the contestants was seriously injured, was considered, and it was decided to place on record the strong disapproval of the council to such encounters, it being deemed that they are degrading and demoralising. A copy of the Lotteries Bill introduced by the Attorney-General was considered. It was resolved to express approval of the provisions of the measure, and to urge that the bill be passed into law. It was decided that communication be opened with the Ministerial Associations throughout the State with a view to secure, if possible, affiliation with the Evangelical Council. The executive was requested to consider the advisability of holding a conference to emphasise the spiritual aspect of Protestant truth, and also to arrange for a monthly religious service for ministers in the city and suburbs.

CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

At the monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Benevolent Society of New South Wales, the operations of the society for the month of August showed that at the Royal Hospital for Women, Paddington, 122 women had been treated in the wards and 61 children had been born, 63 gynaecological patients were treated, and 216 visits were paid by district nurses to patients in their own homes. In the outpatients' department 61 women had received surgical treatment and medicine. At the asylum for women and children and hospital for infants, Thomas-street, 99 women and 105 children were cared for during August, and there remained in that institution at the end of August 45 women and 50 children. The returns supplied from the outdoor relief department and stores showed that during August the society relieved a weekly average of 593 families of the sick and helpless poor, comprising 2224 adults and children.

THE SUBURBS.

SUNDAY DANCING AT BONDI.

Some time ago a fine of £10 was imposed on Joseph Conlon for conducting Sunday dancing at Bondi. Conlon applied to the Waverley Council for a remission of the fine, urging that the dance was organised for the purpose of assisting a destitute family, and also promoting his ignorance of any by-law with reference to the conduct of Sunday dancing. The aldermen, though holding that such practices must be suppressed, were of opinion that the fine was rather severe, and having regard to Conlon's excellent record, and the circumstances governing the case, decided upon remitting £9 of the fine.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Sept. 13.

Mararoa, s, 1500 tons, Captain J. R. Macbeth, from Wellington. Passengers—Messdames Kavanagh, McGregor, Bates, Tamaris, Jones, 3 children, and infant, Misses Hammond, Stuart, McGowan, Hamerton, Palmer, Wilson, and Wilson, Messrs. Mitchell (2), Wright, Jones, Rouse, O'Connor, Arnet, Smith, Dr. Sewell, Norton, Mundy, Kavanagh, Carmichael, North, Yates, Henderson, Hayden, Nenson, McGregor, Waddell, Clout (2), Mitchell, Morris, Fullbrook, Flint, Norman, Holmes, Young, Sweaney, Mackenna, Scott (2), Medway, Goodfellow, Avis, Troon, Cathcrall, Price, Hainsted, Lunnon, Alderton, Bell, F. Cumin, Langford, Staples, Waist, Meiertins, Gimblett, Buckory, Cohen, Connor, Sepohhut, McKnight, McDonough, Bolton, Sidon, Greene, Doughty, Baldwin (2), Boreham, Cempey, Wood, Hatherly, Park, Gleeson, Bourke, Cormack, Roberts, Forsyth, Reedy, F. W. Jackson, agent.

Wenaiyeare, 2222 tons, Captain J. L. Sharp, from Brisbane, en route to South Africa, via Fremantle. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.

Tasdo Fageland, s, 4857 tons, Captain Kamfjord, from Newcastle, en route to Manila. W. Scott Fell and Co., Ltd., agents.

City of Grafton, s, 885 tons, Captain W. R. Nelson, from Richmond River. North Coast S. N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Namoi, s, 1414 tons, Captain H. Warne, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Hastings, s, 193 tons, Captain F. W. Merrett, from Port Macquarie. Crowley, Cook, and Co., agents.

Navua, s, 2929 tons, Captain McLean, from Fiji, Samoa, and Tonga. Passengers—Mesdames Smith, Higgins, Dobson, and George, Misses Moore, Hodgins (2), Bird, and Gulin, Messrs. Irwin, Smith, Higgins, Foldi, Moore, Marks, Machin, Adams, Brunette, Baron von Erdmannsdorf, Captain Nordstrum,

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

A moderate amount of business was transacted on 'Change yesterday, the races still having a restrictive influence. New South Wales 3½ per cent. redeemable at the option of the Government sold at £99, and 4 per cent., due 1909, at £101 10s. Bank of New South Wales eased a shade without actual business. Australian Gas sold at 1-8 decline. W. H. Soul, Pattinson, and Co. advanced 1s 6d. Other changes were of but little consequence.

The following sales were reported on 'Change:—Forenoon: Nil. Later: "Daily Telegraph" Newspaper, £63. Noon: W. H. Soul, Pattinson, and Co., Ltd., 40s; Australian Gaslight, £18. Later: New South Wales, 3½ per cent. Funded Stock, 1912 or later, £99; Australian Gaslight, £3 paid, £10 10s; W. H. Soul, Pattinson, and Co., Ltd., 40s. Afternoon: Nil. Later: Colonial Sugar, £40 12s 6d; Castlemaine Brewery and Wood Bros., 5s; N.S.W. 4 per cent. Funded Stock, due August 9, 1909, £101 10s; and A.J.S. "B" deposits, 12s 6d.

Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares Paid Up.	Last Div. per cent. Declared.	Prices. Last Sale.	Buyers.	Sellers.	Yield to Investor.
STOCKS &c.				£	£	£	p.c.
A.S.N. F.S.	4,000,768	...	...	5	86	86½	87
Aus.	1,250,175	...	...	5	99	99½	99½
Do. 1891	1,247,350	...	...	4	102	103	3½
Do. 1893	1,250,000	...	...	4	103	104	3½
Do. Act 1873	350,180	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. 4 per cent.	850,000	...	...	4	101½	100	3½
Do. 1908	...	...	...	4	...	...	4
Do. Deb. 1908	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. T. Bills, 1908	1,169,700	...	...	5	99½	100	3½
Do. 1908	300,000	...	...	4	101	...	3½
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Bk. of Aus. Asia, Prov. Bills	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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Fas. Bank	798,053	...	...	5	11½	11½	...
Fas. Bank, Con. of Aus.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fas. Bank, Con. of Aus.	687,378	...	...	5	19½	19½	...
Bk. Assets	3,884,809	...	...	5	19½	19½	...
Bk. Aus.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bk. Aus. Inv.	889,419	...	...	5	19	19½	12½
Bk. of Aus. Inv. Deb.	809,758	...	...	4½	16½	16½	...
Bk. of Aus. Inv. Deb.	988,847	...	...	5	14½	14½	14½
Bk. N.S.	2,116,621	...	...	...	...	...	...
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STEAM.							
Pol. Ferry	14,400	1	7½	9½	27/6	28/6	...
Steamers	48,797	1	15/	...	23/6	24/6	...
Do. 8s paid	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Distn. pref.	250,000	20	8½	18/	...	21/6	...
Do. ord.	100,000	1	5	21/	20/6	21/6	...
Power Co.	131,250	1	17/6	22/6	21/6	22/6	...
South Coast Rights to new town	140,000	1	10	4/6	3/6	5/6	...
Perth. Ferries	25,000	10	2½	25/	20/	30/	...
Port Jackson Distn. Coup.	6,740	1	...	...	2/6	3/6	...
INSURANCE							
A. N. Fire	62,500	1	10/6	14/	42/	41/6	...
Aus. Mutual	40,000	1	15	14/6	16/	15/9	16/6
Australian	100,000	2	15	14/6	92/6	92/6	...
Fire and Inv.	50,000	1	2½	18/	...	...	...
Do.	60,222	1	2½	18/	...	...	...
Do. new	...	1	10	37/6	35/	40/	22/5
COAL.							
Pelsmart	175,000	1	15	20/9	20/	20/	10
Scot. Creek	121,545	1	10	20/	22/6	...	...
South Creek	42,850	1	5	7/	...	...	...
Tarrawonga	100,000	1	5	4/	4/	4/	...
Tweentin	100,000	10	...	5/6(4)	6	7/	...
Stockton	99,631	1	10	4/6(4)	...	4/	...
New	...	1	16	1/	1/	1/	...
W. of Clwydd	30,000	1	10	20/6	23/	25	...
Wallsend	60,000	10	4	1/0	21/	21	...
Wyrallah	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wickham & Bull'ch	105,077	1	10	...	1/6	1/6	...
Xmas	...	1	10	18/	...	...	...
Provincial	...	1	20	...	4/	6/	...
OAR.							
Bl'more	7,500	1	12/6	10	20/6	19/	25/
Australian	100,000	1	6	15	17/	16	...
Bella New	20,000	1	5	10	14/	13/	...
Bonalbo	20,000	1	10	15	16/	20/	...
Bredbo	10,000	1	...	2/6	2/6	...	...
Bull'mbidas	15,000	1	10	1	18/6	15/	...
Manly	10,000	1	...	2/6	2/	...	...
Ditto New	5,000	1	10/	3	13/6	15/	...
Mudgee	10,000	1	5	1	18/6	18/6	...
Perseverance	45,000	2	15	6/	6	6/	...
Wh. Sheen	125,000	1	5	2/	2/	...	...
Ditto New	19,5 6	1	10	2/	2/	2/	...
IRON & STEEL							
Australian	48,000	10/	10/	...	2/	...	...
Aus. Steel and Wood	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bros.	250,000	1	...	1	11	10/9	11/6
Pref.	100,000	15	...	15	15/	14/6	15/
Ord.	250,000	1	10/	1	10/	9/6	12/6
South's	900,000	1	1	8	25/	27/6	28/
MISCELL'S							
Aerated	17,500	15/	10/	5	2/6	2/6	...
Aust. Kero.	40,000	1	...	...	7/6	...	...
A.J.S.W. Sup	280,000	1	...	...	20/	20/6	...
Burns, Philp	250,000	1	...	1	4	30/	32/6
Do. pref.	25,000	1	...	1	10/	14/10½	16/6
Do. 5s Co.	...	...	...	...	...	18	22/
Do. pref.	...	...	...	...	...	20	23/6
Colonial Sugar	2,065,280	20	12½	40/	40/	40½	4
Elderly and Co.	1,000,000	20	5	6	5/10	...	6
Dunlop Pe.	50,000	1	1	7	20/	22/	7
Ben B. Rail.	...	...	...	...	1/6	...	...
Do. 6 Pref.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gosnell	37,500	1	10/	2½	7/6	...	14
Gr. Trans.	480,000	1	10	12½	23/	...	5½
Hale Pipe.	74,400	1	10	20/	37/	...	5½
Hawkesbury	200,000	1	1	1	...	...	...
Hotel pref.	45,500	1	6	17/6	17/6	20/6	6½
J. Food, Ice	91,750	19/	20/	8/6	9/6	9/	...
Kalgoorlie	800,000	1	1	...	...	...	...
Do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tob.	15,000	1	1	3	4/6	4/9	4½
Temp. Trust	25,000	5	2/6	10	10/6	10/9	5
Tooth & Co.	25,000	10	5	10	10/3	10/6	4½
Trust	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waterhouse	60,000	1	5	8	12/	11	...
Wh. Horse	60,000	1	10	6	18/	17	...
Wh. Exchange	30,000	10	10	6	12/	13½	...
Wood, Hyd.	75,000	1	10	2	32/	31/	32/6
Do.	37,500	1	10/	10	16/	...	16/
Zinc Rds. & R.	15,000	1	10/	15	15/3	15/6	10
Zinc Smelt Water	12,000	1	20	...	11/	...	12/
W. H. Soul, Patt. & Co.	120,000	1	10	40/	39/	40/	...
BANKS &c.							
Bk. Aus.	134,538	20	1	...	...	...	...
Bk. Aus. Asia	1,000,000	40	5	2½	99	...	60/6
Bk. Aus. Asia, Sugar D.	240,000	10	5	2½	36/6	...	60/
Bk. Aus.	180,000	10	5	...	...	...	...
Bk. Aus. New Zealand	94,986	10	10/	...	5/	5/6	...
Bk. of Aus. Asia	2,17 ,250	10	12½	10	27½	27	...
Bk. of Aus. Asia, Prov.	1,197,46	20	5	2½	61/	60/	...
Bk. of Aus. Asia, Prov.	300,740	10	5	2½	30/	30/6	...
Bk. of Aus. Asia, Prov.	300,000	20	5	2½	60/	60/	...
Bk. of Aus. Asia, Prov.	237,319	6	3	2½	14/	17/	...
Bk. of Aus. Asia, Prov.	100,000	2	3	2½	6/	...	...
Bk. of Aus. Asia, Prov.	100,000	2	3	2½	6/	...	...
Bk. of Aus. Asia, Prov.	457,466	8	5	2½	63/6	62/	63½
Bk. of Aus. Asia, Prov.	1,800,000	75	10	2½	49/	...	49½

DEPOSITS.

A.J.S. Bk.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chas. Ac.	...	...	...	...	19/6	19/6	19/6
Com. Bk.	...	...	...	...	12/6	12/6	12/7½
C.B. 1917	...	...	...	...	12/	11/9	...
Fas. Bank	798,053	...	...	...	11/	11/6	...
Fas. Bank, Con. of Aus.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fas. Bank, Con. of Aus.	687,378	...	...	5	19/6	19/6	...
Bk. Assets	3,884,809	...	...	5	19/6	19/6	...
Bk. Aus.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bk. Aus. Inv.	889,419	...	...	5	19	19/6	12/6
Bk. Aus. Inv. Deb.	809,758	...	...	4½	16/6	16/6	...
Bk. Aus. Inv. Deb.	988,847	...	...	5	14/3	14/6	14/6
Bk. N.S.	2,116,621	...	...	...	...	...	...

STEAM.

Pol. Ferry	14,400	1	7½	9½	27/6	28/6	...
Steamers	48,797	1	15/	...	23/6	24/6	...
Do. 8s paid	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Distn. pref.	250,000	20	8½	18/	...	21/6	...
Do. ord.	100,000	1	5	21/	20/6	21/6	...
Power Co.	131,250	1	17/6	22/6	21/6	22/6	...
South Coast Rights to new town	140,000	1	10	4/6	3/6	5/6	...
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Wallsend	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wyrallah	105,077	1	10	...	1/6	1/6	...
Wickham & Bull'ch	...	1	10	18/	...	...	...
Xmas	...	1	20	...	4/	6/	...
Provincial	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

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Bl'more	7,500	1	12/6	10	20/6	19/	25/
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Bonalbo	20,000	1	10	15	16/	20/	...
Bredbo	10,000	1	...	2/6	2/6	...	...
Bull'mbidas	15,000	1	10	1	18/6	15/	...
Manly	10,000	1	...	2/6	2/	...	...
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Australian	48,000	10/	10/	...	2/	...	...
Aus. Steel and Wood	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bros.	250,000	1	...	1	11	10/9	11/6
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Ben B. Rail.	...	...	...	...	1/6	...	...
Do. 6 Pref.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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Bk. of Aus. Asia, Prov.	300,000	20	5	2½	60/	60/	...
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Bk. of Aus. Asia, Prov.	100,000	2	3	2½	6/	...	...
Bk. of Aus. Asia, Prov.	100,000	2	3	2½	6/	...	...
Bk. of Aus. Asia, Prov.	457,466	8	5	2½	63/6	62/	63½
Bk. of Aus. Asia, Prov.	1,800,000	75	10	2½	49/	...	49½

DEPOSITS.

A.J.S. Bk.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chas. Ac.	...	...	...	...	19/6	19/6	19/6
Com. Bk.	...	...	...	...	12/6	12/6	12/7½
C.B. 1917	...	...	...	...	12/	11/9	...
Fas. Bank	798,053	...	...	...	11/	11/6	...
Fas. Bank, Con. of Aus.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fas. Bank, Con. of Aus.	687,378	...	...	5	19/6	19/6	...
Bk. Assets	3,884,809	...	...	5	19/6	19/6	...
Bk. Aus.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bk. Aus. Inv.	889,419	...	...	5	19	19/6	12/6
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Bk. N.S.	2,116,621	...	...	...	...	...	...

*Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly one. † Per share. ‡ Dividend includes a bonus of 1½ per cent. ‖ Second call paid.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

To-day's Exchange sales and quotations were:—Sales: Queensland Insurance, 2s 1d; Royal Bank, 66s. Quotations: Queensland Trustees, 6s to 7d; Queensland National Bank, b 1is 5d, s 14s 9d; Queensland 3½ per cent. loan, b 40s; 4 per cent. Treasury Bills, b 42/6, s 43/6.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Colonial Bank, 22s 8d; ditto, pref., £10 7s; Metropolitan Gas, £9; Melbourne Tram, 22s 10d, 24s; Silverton Tram, 7s.

STATE LOAN EXPENDITURE.

Yesterday was given in this column some particulars as to the position of the New South Wales consolidated revenue account, covering a series of years. Of no less interest is the state of the general loan account, on its expenditure side. The following table gives some idea of how the actual operations of the present Government last year and its prospective operations during the current year compare with those of some of its predecessors in office:—

NEW SOUTH WALES LOAN EXPENDITURE.

Year ended June 30.	Per Head.	Total.
1897	£1 2 1	£1,477,358
1898	1 5 5	1,653,143
1899	1 10 7	2,025,944
1900	1 15 9	2,400,848
1901	2 0 10	2,788,180
1902	3 11 7	4,026,212
1903	5 6 11	5,702,813
1904	1 12 6	2,292,516
1905	1 0 5	1,510,480
1906 (estimated)	1 0 1	1,519,000

It is satisfactory to note that the expenditure on a per capita basis was lower last year than during any of the preceding years quoted, while a further reduction is also expected this year, reckoned on the same basis. It must be remembered, however, that the annual interest charge is growing with each addition to the debt of the State.

COMMONWEALTH GOLD YIELD.

The yield of gold in the Commonwealth during the first eight months of the current year, according to official estimates, aggregated 2,381,000 fine ounces, of the value of, say, £10,122,000, against 2,475,000oz. valued at £10,518,000, during the corresponding portion of last year. The actual figures for the various States may be given as follows:—

	First Eight Months. 1904. Fine ozs.	1905. Fine ozs.
New South Wales	179,000	102,000
Victoria	814,000	466,000
Queensland	414,000	390,000
Western Australia	1,314,000	1,306,000
South Australia*	14,000	15,000
Tasmania*	40,000	40,000
Total	2,475,000	2,381,000

* Rough estimate.

The Victorian decrease of 45,000oz is the most marked, Queensland coming next with 24,000oz.

HIGH PRICES RULING.

The "Statistical Bulletin" for August is to hand from the office of the Government Statistician. It gives an interesting survey of prices, showing that the general index number for August was 1172, and was the highest for any month since the end of 1901. For pastoral products the index was 1212, and for metals 1176. These compare with the general index of 1081 for August last year, 1123 for December, 1904, and 1150 for July this year. The rise in prices which, since 1901, has been general among practically all articles, still continued. During the month the metals maintained their upward tendency, the movement in wool, butter, leather, and tallow also being upward. Butter reached the highest point since the end of 1903. The increase in prices since last year amounts to about 10 per cent.

BAD CANADIAN EXAMPLE.

The Commonwealth authorities have shown some inclination of late to consider the desirableness of taking over the coinage of silver from the British mint. The possibility of gain is of course behind the desire for change. But there is another possibility that should be considered, and one that the public at large will be more deeply interested in. That is the keeping up of the standard of the currency. As Canadian Government is responsible for the issue of silver coin in the Dominion, and the result has been disastrous. Owing to the refusal of the Receiver-General's Department to redeem defaced or abraded silver currency, all who receive change in Canada have, in self defence, to carefully inspect each piece, and, as a result, much annoyance is caused, as frequently coins are rejected on account of some trifling defect or mutilation. It is stated that the Toronto Street Railway is losing at the rate of 5 dol. a day through the worn coins received as fares, and the company is practically at the mercy of the public, as the fares are dropped by the passengers into a box, and therefore cannot be inspected, nor can they be returned to the passenger. The matter has been taken up by the Toronto Board of Trade, with a view of petitioning the Dominion Government to provide for the redemption of worn-out coinage. The "Toronto Globe," in commenting on the question, points out that the silver coins are merely tokens issued by the Government, and that the Dominion has no more right to repudiate its worn or defaced paper currency. It does not add to the credit of a country if its token coinage is refused acceptance to such an extent.

SUBSIDISED IMMIGRATION AGENTS.

The cost of immigrants into Canada is an interesting subject just now. It seems that during the past year the 76 Canadian immigration agents in the United States received commissions of 3dol. for each man, 2dol. for each woman, and 1dol. for each child induced to go as agriculturist settlers in western Canada. Great Britain the commission for immigrants to Canada was 1.75dol. for each adult agriculturist or domestic servant, and half as much for each child of 12 years or under. This money was paid to the booking agents of the steamship companies. A commission of 2 dol. per head was paid for children sent to Canada by philanthropic societies, and 1dol. per head was paid to the North Atlantic Trading Company of Amsterdam for all agricultural immigrants from certain countries of Europe. The amounts paid during the last fiscal year were as follows:—On immigrants from the United States, 14,428dol; to steamship agents, sub-agents, and immigration societies on British immigrants, 43,220dol.; and on Icelanders, 2104dol.; bonuses on domestic servants, 1606dol.; on immigrants from Great Britain, 245dol. each, 70dol.; to scribes for children from Great Britain, 2696dol.; bonuses on immigrants from the continent of Europe, 35,516dol.; total, £9,930dol.

EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

We learn by mail that in the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar asked the Secretary to the Board of Trade whether the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States had deposited with two British trustees £100,000 as special security for policyholders, and, if so, could he state their names? Mr. Bonar Law said the answer was in the affirmative, the money having been deposited with Lord Kintore and another trustee. A cable from the "Times" New York correspondent, dated July 28, is to the effect that "a statement of the financial condition of the Equitable Life Assurance Society on June 30 last, shows that the new business of the company fell off to the extent of 15,422,323dol during the first six months of the current year, compared with the same period of 1904. This is entirely attributed to the disclosures that have been made concerning the management of the company. At the same time, however, the assets have increased 7,296,252dol."

BRIGHTER AUSTRALIAN PROSPECTS RECOGNISED.

After all the misrepresentations that Australia has suffered from of late, the following, from the commercial supplement of the "Times," dated July 31, is pleasant reading:—"It would be difficult to recall a period in the history of Australian husbandry when prospects were more encouraging than at present. An exceptional rainfall throughout almost the entire Commonwealth has inaugurated a set of conditions which has necessarily made producers in all walks of Australian life cheerful and expectant. The experience of such a season clearly illustrates the oft-asserted theory that seasons of plenty are at the best intermittent, and that they cannot be accurately anticipated. The outlook for the pastoral industry is exceptionally good. There are unmistakable evidences that the wool clip will yield a very large addition in quantity and quality, and in many parts of New South Wales pastoralists expect that their stage will prove such as to command the higher prices. There will necessarily be a visible increase in our flocks and herds, which indicates a large expansion in the exports of frozen mutton and lamb. The dairying industry is also making rapid strides, while the cereal crops have received an excellent start, and, so far as wheat is concerned, a much larger area has been put under crop."

WOLSELEY SHEEP SHEARING CO.

The annual report of the Wolseley Sheep Shearing Company for 1904 is to hand. It states that the net profit for the year amounted to £5000, which the directors regarded as satisfactory, in view of the conditions of trade. The scheme for the reduction of capital has been successfully carried out, and a dividend of 5 per cent. is recommended on the ordinary shares. This is the first distribution to be made in the history of the company, though nearly sixteen years have elapsed since the concern was first floated. The business, which largely a colonial one, has naturally suffered a good deal in recent years owing to the great destruction of flocks in Australia by the drought, but sales lately have considerably increased, and the prospects for the current year, as stated by the directors to be very encouraging. It is not unusual for shareholders to have to wait a long time for a return on their money, but it is much more rare for them to get something at the end of nearly two decades, even if on a diminished holding.

By the E. and A. Co.'s steamer Empire, which sailed yesterday, Chinese merchants shipped to Hongkong 12 boxes of gold, valued at £9501.

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, Sept. 12.

BANKS AND AUSTRALIAN STOCKS.

Bank of Australasia, ½ higher, b 94½, s 95½.

Bank of New South Wales, ½ higher, b 41, s 42.

Union Bank of Australia, ½ higher, b 46½, s 47½.

National Bank of New Zealand unchanged, b 84, s 84.

Bank of New Zealand, b 64, s 65.

Bank of New Zealand 4 per cent. guarantee stock, new issue, unchanged, at 103.

New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company 4 per cent., 1 higher, at 95.

City of Melbourne 4 per cent., unchanged, at 102.

Melbourne Harbour Trust 4½ per cent. bonds, 1 higher at 102.

Melbourne Tramway Trust 4½ per cent. debentures, unchanged, at 105.

Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged, at 103.

M'Cracken's City Brewery 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged, at 85½.

WHEAT AFLOAT.

Shipments of wheat afloat on the dates mentioned were as follow:—

	Sept. 15, 1904. qrs.	Sept. 5, 1905. qrs.	Sept. 12, 1905. qrs.
For United Kingdom ..	2,910,000	2,520,000	2,545,000
For Continent	1,675,000	1,775,000	1,800,000
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Sept. 13.

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ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE FARMERS.

It is certain that the proposal to abolish the "Agricultural Gazette" will find no favour with the best farmers in the State. Already the Fruitgrowers' Union has passed a resolution protesting against the suggestion, and I have talked with several good farmers who resent the withdrawal from circulation of the only regular medium of communication between the producers and the Agricultural Department. It is true that the journal has a comparatively small circulation, but, as a rule, it reaches the men who take up advanced ideas and set good examples for their neighbours. The Government cannot hope to touch more than a small proportion of the producers with all the colleges, experimental farms, and visits of experts. The hope for improved practice all round lies in this proportion adopting the best ways of doing things, and proving to others that they are the most profitable ways. The "Gazette" enables the officers of the department to, practically speaking, report to those who read carefully and without prejudice concerning the results of the operations at the farms and in other parts of the world. It is held that this could be managed by issuing bulletins or leaflets, but this system has not proved successful elsewhere, and its failure is easy to understand. The farmer requires time to go into the publications he receives, and that which may be kept as a reference is the most attractive and the most useful. It is complained by its readers that there is too much matter of a highly scientific character in the "Gazette," and too little of the straight practical talk that goes to the spot in as few words as possible. The farmers require that practical illustration and absolute results should be the most striking features of the articles in such a publication. Certainly many of the articles are more suited for institutes than for the farmer. These probably help to maintain the reputation of the department in scientific circles, but they have no special purpose when published in an agricultural journal. However, the fact that too much space is devoted to such matter merely indicates the necessity for editorial alterations; it certainly does not justify the withdrawal of the publication.

There is evidence that this Government is inclined to confine the work of the Agricultural Department to the schools. Every official announcement indicates that in the near future the reputation and influence of the department will depend upon the number of students turned out by the State colleges and farms. The terms fixed for accommodation and instruction at these institutions are very attractive to parents, and because there is something of a rush to get boys into places where "for a song" they are supposed to learn everything, from A B C to the bacteriology of the dairy, it seems to be assumed that wondrous results are being achieved. No doubt the farms are turning out a number of youngsters equipped with some knowledge of the first principles of agriculture, and with some well-fostered ideas concerning the best principles in farm practice. Those with special aptitude, backed by a desire to become producers, are valuable additions to the farmers of the State. The department, however, has a very much wider field to consider. The providing of cheap education to a few hundred boys, many of whom make no use of the best part of what they have learned, would be a very poor return for the considerable sum voted by Parliament every year. It is most necessary that the producers, now working the land, should be reached with striking practical examples of what the soil may be made to produce, and that in dairying in particular instruction and guidance should be provided on the spot. So far, the Government has made no attempt to place the advantages of fertilising the soil before farmers by carrying out experiments in various parts of the State. This work has been very urgently required for many years, and though other States and countries have carried it on with great success, New South Wales has been content to do a little on the State farms, and to invite the farmers to contemplate the results. The dairy branch has never been organised and equipped for outside work as it should have been, while instruction and encouragement to dairy farmers in the matter of growing crops, conserving fodder, and feeding cattle have all been almost neglected.

So marked is the necessity for introducing practical lessons in fertilising among the farmers that a firm which supplies large quantities of fertilisers is proceeding with the work. The Narromine district affords a striking case in point. Some failures encountered by good farmers who tried manuring for wheat at Narromine have been frequently referred to in this column, and the necessity for experiments has been illustrated. This season the firm alluded to has supplied several Narromine farmers with several kinds of manures, and five-acre plots of each have been put in with these by Mr. Frank Mack, Mr. C. Rice, and others. Beyond a doubt the results of these operations will have a widespread influence in the district. The best fertiliser for wheat on a class of soil which farmers have failed to suit in their trials will certainly be discovered, and no doubt the enterprising firm which has supplied the manures for the plots gratuitously will reap its reward. Some of the experts are imparting much useful information by travelling and visiting the people's places, and in this way the best fruitgrowers have gained special advantages, but there is room for very large expansion of the influence of the department in other directions. The fulfilment of the promise that the department would be separated from mines and thoroughly reorganised under a permanent head appears as far off as ever. It was promised for last session, but nothing was done, and the present session is becoming well advanced. So far, the Government has not produced anything to show that it is in the least sincere in its voluminous assertions that it realises the importance of the primary industries. A very defective Fertilisers Adulteration Act and some additions to the accommodation for students at the colleges represent the actual wheat in the enormous volume of chaff that has been presented to the producers in Ministerial speeches during nearly two sessions of Parliament and a long vacation. Legislation for the dairying industry, the Fruit Pests Bill, water conservation and irrigation, the proper organisation of the Agricultural Department, and many other matters are still in the realms of after-luncheon oratory, while the administration of such measures as the Wines Adulteration Act is shamefully neglected.

RABBIT INDUSTRY AT YOUNG.

Operations in the Young district present one of the best examples of the value of the rabbit industry, and also convey a very useful impression of its effect upon the pest. Here, as at other centres, the freezing works established to deal with sheep for the export trade were secured, and enormous numbers have been put through since the valueless rabbit took the place of the profitable "freezer." Mr. G. Henderson, the manager, who is kept very busily engaged in dealing with the large supplies of rabbits and their preparation for shipping, kindly supplied me with a few figures, during a recent visit to the district. The industry is carried on under the general direction of Mr. Benn, who keeps several of the large meat works in the country freezing rabbits as fast as the trappers can bring them forward. The rabbits are graded by a Government grader at each place and despatched straight to the ship in refrigerated 14-ton cars. The trade is very jealously guarded by the export branch of the Agricultural Department. It has been built up under strict State supervision, to which exporters have voluntarily submitted, and its complete success is a complete answer to assertions to the effect that such supervision and grading are unreliable and an improper interference with private enterprise. Rabbits represent the only line of perishable produce exported the reputation of which has not been damaged by the unscrupulous practices of traders who have sent forward inferior goods and traded on the reputation of the better qualities. Grading and supervision have made the trade and preserved the reputation of the article, thus assisting private enterprise to secure the best possible results. The works at Young draw rabbits from long distances along the railway lines, while the carters pick them up from the trappers 30 miles out and cart them in by road. Last Saturday week over 5000 pairs were delivered at the works. The employment provided and the money circulated in the district make the industry very valuable to the country, and while no better means of dealing with rabbits on country within 30 miles of a factory is at hand the trapping is very useful in keeping the pest in check. Some 300 trappers are at work in the district. Very often 50 or 90 will deliver rabbits at the works in one day, and there is, of course, a number of hands engaged in the works. These are experienced men, who have, so to speak, grown up in the business, and they receive very good wages. Skins have been 11½d per lb, and numbers of trappers have been working on skins only, while others are employed in taking rabbits for the Sydney markets. As the summer comes in these latter must cease operations, and the works will probably receive increased supplies. Mr. Henderson, who is an old hand among rabbits, and has been engaged in every operation in connection with the suppression of the pest, is hopeful of arranging a scheme by which rabbits will be carried over large distances for the works. Much depends upon proper handling and prompt despatch. Some trappers have few rejects at the hands of the grader, because they go about their work in a proper way, and know exactly how to deal with the rabbits. The rabbits are always kept hanging, by experienced men, who never by any chance throw a rabbit down. The carcases keep better when hanging, and the blood does not go through and give the skin the pink appearance which often causes rejection. The grades are the same at all the works, running from 1½lb to 3½lb, which latter is a special grade, and the prices paid to the trapper are those detailed in a recent article in this column on the Dubbo works. Payment is by cash, and the money is very freely circulated in the country towns. Another means of dealing with rabbits at Young is the making of meat extract. For this a butter factory building, established rather prematurely, is being used. Large numbers are purchased here, and a very good product is made, but this branch of the industry is, so far, on its trial.

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Mr. G. H. Greene writes:—In a recent "Herald" I notice very disparaging remarks on "shares farming" by your special commissioner in his article "On the Land." Those remarks in themselves would hardly have tempted me to notice them (although it seems that I am the principal offender), but taken in conjunction with another article which appeared some months since in the "Herald," in which the same writer (I presume) made a violent attack on the system, I think it only fair that I should throw a little light on this subject. In the former article, so far as I can remember, the writer insisted that this (shares farming) was the most wretched form of tenancy, and that the shares farmer was only a glorified labourer, that his condition was hopeless, and unfitted him for any other kind of work, that the landowner made use of him because he was too indolent or unwilling to take on himself the trouble of management, that the farming was of an inferior character, etc, etc. Let me say here that shares farming does not profess to settle people permanently on the land. Its object is simply to enable cultivation to be carried on to a large extent by men having a natural aptitude for the work who have not the means to cultivate without assistance. Of course there is shares farming and shares farming, and it does not follow that because there are some incompetent landowners, who either fail in their management or are hard and unjust to their tenants, that the principle is bad. The basic principles of shares farming are co-operation and community of interest, those of the landowner being absolutely identical with those of the tenant. Speaking with an experience of upwards of 14 years, I affirm that the system affords capable men with small or no means an opportunity of gaining a position that will enable them to become their own landlords. Would it surprise your commissioner to learn that more of the shares men on landra have been or are landowners, who for sufficient reasons have elected to cultivate now on that estate, and return to their own homes when not engaged in putting in and taking off crops? Again, that men have sold out of their properties in South Australia and come into this State in order to cultivate on shares on landra; or that men with absolutely no money at the start have cultivated for years on landra, and are now in a position to purchase land for themselves? Surely there cannot be anything very rotten in a system which leads to such results, and where perfect sympathy and trust exist between landowner and farmer. I cannot go fully into my own experiences without incurring the charge of seeking to advertise myself, but if your commissioner will do me the honour to call landra I think he will find reason to modify his views, and see why it is that some estates are absolutely rushed by men wishing to farm on shares. I do not claim that shares farming is permanent settlement, but taking the lowest view of it, I ask which is better, that capital and labour should combine cultivating thousands of acres of good land, and employing directly and indirectly many hundreds of men," or that the same land should be left in unimproved sheep-walk, held by an absentee proprietor, employing perhaps only three or four men. What good, I may ask, is being done by such articles as that now under consideration, unless your commissioner has something better to suggest? Does he wish to stir up discontent, and would he desire to see all shares farming cease? He has suggested that the landowners have gone in for shares farming because they were too indolent to carry out the work themselves, but does he not realise that the highest result of management is to get others to do the unnecessary effort? We don't want labour so much as the result of labour, and given a certain result the less labour expended in achieving that result the better. As to the timber in the farming, I can show your commissioner thousands of acres which are cultivated under the shares system in a manner much superior to the ordinary run of cultivation carried out on small owners' lands, where improved and up-to-date implements are made use of to an extent quite beyond the means of the small farmer. I admit that I am to a great extent responsible for the introduction of the shares system into this State, and naturally I do not wish to see its system practically decried. I do not deny that with inferior land, ill-advised tenants, or the neglect of the true co-operative principle, failure may result, but I do claim that where it has been in operation for many years, and is still going strong, and to the satisfaction of the landowner and farmer, there must be something good in it. Anyway, I am open to conviction, and if your commissioner will only show me how I can utilise my land to better purpose for myself and the State I shall feel deeply grateful. To deal fully with the whole question of shares farming would be beyond the limit of a single letter, and this one has extended to greater length than I had intended. Nevertheless, I shall feel grateful if you can find room for it in your paper.

[Mr. Greene has taken considerable liberties with the text of our former article on the subject. The main contention was that shares farming is the direct result of intending settlers being unable to obtain the Crown lands which should be devoted to the production of wheat. Further, that it is a very wretched substitute for settlement by each farmer holding and working his own land. To assert that it is better to have the land cultivated on shares than to keep it as a sheepwalk is merely begging the chief question.]

DAIRYING INDUSTRY.

ALBION PARK.—The election of four directors for the Dairy Farmers' Milk Company resulted on Wednesday in the return of Messrs. W. O'Brien, H. Treloar, C. E. D. Meares, and W. H. Sharpe, retiring directors, by a large majority.

LISMORE.—The North Coast Co-operative Company's payment last month was £26,000. Cable advices state that sales in London had been 112s to 114s for this company's butter.

NOWRA.—At a meeting of the Nowra Dairying Company on Wednesday the result of the ballot for the election of two directors was announced. Messrs. James Kennedy and Humphrey Henry were re-elected.

DISTRICT ITEMS.

CARGO.—A flock of travelling sheep (fat crossbreds) passed through Cargo one evening and camped near the town. The next morning 17 of them were dead on the camp. It is supposed that a poisonous weed caused the mortality, though this is the first time that stock of any kind has died in this district from that cause. The sheep belonged to Messrs. Hebden Bros., of Errowanbong Station, Carcoar.

COROWA.—A sale of township blocks at Balldale, held here, resulted in excellent prices being received, figures ranging from £7 10s to £20 per quarter-acre.

PEAK HILL.—Mr. W. T. Job, of the Molong district, has purchased Mr. James Grimmett's property of 4000 acres at Kadina, at 28s per acre; also a special lease of 1100 acres.

WAGGA.—The Wagga Pastures Board during the past month has paid £71 14s in scalp bonuses for 554 foxes, 25 fox cubs, and 24 eaglehawks.

SHEARING REPORTS.

COROWA.—Shearing is becoming general, and wool is coming forward very freely. Reports state that the clip is exceptionally good. Wangamong expects to cut out on Thursday, and Goonambil started on Monday, while Kentucky started last week. Several other runs will commence during the coming week.

PASTURES BOARDS.

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FARMING ON SHARES.

Mr. G. H. Greene writes:—In a recent "Herald" I notice very disparaging remarks on "shares farming" by your special commissioner in his article "On the Land." Those remarks in themselves would hardly have tempted me to notice them (although it seems that I am the principal offender), but taken in conjunction with another article which appeared some months since in the "Herald," in which the same writer (I presume) made a violent attack on the system, I think it only fair that I should throw a little light on this subject. In the former article, so far as I can remember, the writer insisted that this (shares farming) was the most wretched form of tenancy, and that the shares farmer was only a glorified labourer, that his condition was hopeless, and unfitted him for any other kind of work, that the landowner made use of him because he was too indolent or unwilling to take on himself the trouble of management, that the farming was of an inferior character, etc, etc. Let me say here that shares farming does not profess to settle people permanently on the land. Its object is simply to enable cultivation to be carried on to a large extent by men having a natural aptitude for the work who have not the means to cultivate without assistance. Of course there is shares farming and shares farming, and it does not follow that because there are some incompetent landowners, who either fail in their management or are hard and unjust to their tenants, that the principle is bad. The basic principles of shares farming are co-operation and community of interest, those of the landowner being absolutely identical with those of the tenant. Speaking with an experience of upwards of 14 years, I affirm that the system affords capable men with small or no means an opportunity of gaining a position that will enable them to become their own landlords. Would it surprise your commissioner to learn that more of the shares men on landra have been or are landowners, who for sufficient reasons have elected to cultivate now on that estate, and return to their own homes when not engaged in putting in and taking off crops? Again, that men have sold out of their properties in South Australia and come into this State in order to cultivate on shares on landra; or that men with absolutely no money at the start have cultivated for years on landra, and are now in a position to purchase land for themselves? Surely there cannot be anything very rotten in a system which leads to such results, and where perfect sympathy and trust exist between landowner and farmer. I cannot go fully into my own experiences without incurring the charge of seeking to advertise myself, but if your commissioner will do me the honour to call landra I think he will find reason to modify his views, and see why it is that some estates are absolutely rushed by men wishing to farm on shares. I do not claim that shares farming is permanent settlement, but taking the lowest view of it, I ask which is better, that capital and labour should combine cultivating thousands of acres of good land, and employing directly and indirectly many hundreds of men," or that the same land should be left in unimproved sheep-walk, held by an absentee proprietor, employing perhaps only three or four men. What good, I may ask, is being done by such articles as that now under consideration, unless your commissioner has something better to suggest? Does he wish to stir up discontent, and would he desire to see all shares farming cease? He has suggested that the landowners have gone in for shares farming because they were too indolent to carry out the work themselves, but does he not realise that the highest result of management is to get others to do the unnecessary effort? We don't want labour so much as the result of labour, and given a certain result the less labour expended in achieving that result the better. As to the timber in the farming, I can show your commissioner thousands of acres which are cultivated under the shares system in a manner much superior to the ordinary run of cultivation carried out on small owners' lands, where improved and up-to-date implements are made use of to an extent quite beyond the means of the small farmer. I admit that I am to a great extent responsible for the introduction of the shares system into this State, and naturally I do not wish to see its system practically decried. I do not deny that with inferior land, ill-advised tenants, or the neglect of the true co-operative principle, failure may result, but I do claim that where it has been in operation for many years, and is still going strong, and to the satisfaction of the landowner and farmer, there must be something good in it. Anyway, I am open to conviction, and if your commissioner will only show me how I can utilise my land to better purpose for myself and the State I shall feel deeply grateful. To deal fully with the whole question of shares farming would be beyond the limit of a single letter, and this one has extended to greater length than I had intended. Nevertheless, I shall feel grateful if you can find room for it in your paper.

[Mr. Greene has taken considerable liberties with the text of our former article on the subject. The main contention was that shares farming is the direct result of intending settlers being unable to obtain the Crown lands which should be devoted to the production of wheat. Further, that it is a very wretched substitute for settlement by each farmer holding and working his own land. To assert that it is better to have the land cultivated on shares than to keep it as a sheepwalk is merely begging the chief question.]

DAIRYING INDUSTRY.

ALBION PARK.—The election of four directors for the Dairy Farmers' Milk Company resulted on Wednesday in the return of Messrs. W. O'Brien, H. Treloar, C. E. D. Meares, and W. H. Sharpe, retiring directors, by a large majority.

LISMORE.—The North Coast Co-operative Company's payment last month was £26,000. Cable advices state that sales in London had been 112s to 114s for this company's butter.

NOWRA.—At a meeting of the Nowra Dairying Company on Wednesday the result of the ballot for the election of two directors was announced. Messrs. James Kennedy and Humphrey Henry were re-elected.

DISTRICT ITEMS.

CARGO.—A flock of travelling sheep (fat crossbreds) passed through Cargo one evening and camped near the town. The next morning 17 of them were dead on the camp. It is supposed that a poisonous weed caused the mortality, though this is the first time that stock of any kind has died in this district from that cause. The sheep belonged to Messrs. Hebden Bros., of Errowanbong Station, Carcoar.

COROWA.—A sale of township blocks at Balldale, held here, resulted in excellent prices being received, figures ranging from £7 10s to £20 per quarter-acre.

PEAK HILL.—Mr. W. T. Job, of the Molong district, has purchased Mr. James Grimmett's property of 4000 acres at Kadina, at 28s per acre; also a special lease of 1100 acres.

WAGGA.—The Wagga Pastures Board during the past month has paid £71 14s in scalp bonuses for 554 foxes, 25 fox cubs, and 24 eaglehawks.

SHEARING REPORTS.

COROWA.—Shearing is becoming general, and wool is coming forward very freely. Reports state that the clip is exceptionally good. Wangamong expects to cut out on Thursday, and Goonambil started on Monday, while Kentucky started last week. Several other runs will commence during the coming week.

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MR. FARRER'S WORK.

Mr. T. H. F. Griffin writes from Yass:—Referring to your interesting article in the "Herald" dealing with the Young district, you state, in connection with wheatgrowing, that if Australia possessed a Luther Burbank some necessary improvement in regard to Steinwedel wheat might be effected, but as there is no Burbank here the improvement will probably not be realised. Now, it is indeed strange that one so well versed in matters affecting the soil as yourself should, by implication, overlook the valuable labours of Mr. William Farrer, our highest wheat authority, in the improvement and breeding of cereals. He has already bred two or three new wheats, which have been proved to possess great merit, and are eminently adapted to our climate. In the short time he has been at work he has accomplished great things, and there is every reason to believe that, given a few more years, he will have invented wheats which will be found to surpass Steinwedel in general excellence. Particularly may we hope that the shelling tendency of that variety will be entirely removed. In Mr. Farrer Great State has an investment of the very first rank. His work is gaining world-wide fame, and bids fair to make him as celebrated in regard to wheat—the staff of life—as Luther Burbank in regard to fruits.

[Mr. Farrer's good work has frequently been recognised in this column. The reference to Luther Burbank is not in the least disparaging to our successful wheat experimentalist. It was made simply because Burbank has devoted his labours largely to introducing special characteristics into established varieties.]

BREEDING MULES.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Minister for Agriculture, Mr. Swinburne, who is taking an active part in the movement to secure an improvement in the breed of horses, is favourably impressed by the suggestion made by Mr. Kendall, veterinary surgeon, that it would be a good thing to breed mules. Australians believe never yet appreciated the good qualities of the mule, there is, he is assured, a good market for such stock in other parts of the world. In South Africa the experience of the animals at the time of the war was so favourable that they are now being bred in those colonies.

NEW TRAVELLING STOCK ROUTE.

STRONG PROTEST FROM WENTWORTH.

WENTWORTH, Wednesday.

A public meeting was held in the council-chambers last night. It was convened by the Mayor at the request of the Railway League to protest against the proposed travelling stock route from the Welcome Inn, Para East, to Mildura, on the opposite side of the River Darling, to a point opposite Mildura, Murray River. The Mayor (Alderman William Atkinson) presided over a large and representative attendance. The following resolutions, moved by Mr. John Leary and seconded by Mr. J. O. Edwards, were unanimously carried:—

"That this meeting of the residents of the

COUNTRY NEWS.

MINING ACT AMENDMENT.

BURRAGA, Tuesday.

At a largely attended public meeting held in the Burraga Hall on Sunday afternoon under the auspices of the Amalgamated Miners' Association and the Progress Committee, it was decided to submit the following resolution to the Premier:—"That, in the interests of the whole of the mining community, reform is urgently and promptly needed in the amendment of the Mining Act by extending the provisions of the Act relating to Private Property Act to mining for minerals on mineral conditional purchases where such m.c.p.'s are unused and purchases where such m.c.p.'s are unused and unworked, and are being held to endeavour to obtain excessive prices therefor, inasmuch as the non-development of such lands is against the intention of the Mining Acts, and is an impediment to the mining industry, and the investment of such lands would afford work for thousands of miners and unemployed. Or, in the alternative, that the State Government should resume such m.c.p.'s, giving the owners compensation therefor at a fair market price, such compensation to be the present assessed land tax value or at the present assessed value of the land tax on their own assessed value of the property, plus the value of the mineral concession."

THE EXPLORER'S TREE.

LITHGOW, Wednesday.

Regarding recent correspondence in the "Herald" with respect to the wall and fence which is known as "the explorer's tree," near Katoomba, Mr. George Donald, ex-member for Hartley, states that tenders were called for the erection of the wall and fence by Mr. Kirkpatrick, architect, of Pitt-street, in March, 1884. His (Mr. M'Donald's) tender was accepted, and he completed the work in May, and received payment for it in June, 1884.

ATTACKED BY A MONKEY.

NOWRA, Wednesday.

Mr. Cliff Richards was savagely attacked on Sunday by a large monkey which he has had for some time at his pleasure grounds at Bangalee, near Nowra. The animal inflicted severe injury, necessitating prompt surgical treatment, Mr. Richards being bitten about the legs and arms. The monkey was with difficulty forced to relax its hold, and was subsequently destroyed.

THE HOSPITALS.

WAGGA, Wednesday.

Dr. Millard, medical officer of the Board of Health, has inspected the sanitary arrangements of the Wagga Hospital. It is understood that he utterly condemns the present buildings as being unsuited for a modern hospital.

THE CHURCHES.

WALGETT, Wednesday.

Under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church, a public picnic was held here to-day, at which there was a large muster of children of the town and district. A free concert was given in the evening in the School of Arts Hall, at which the school prizes were distributed.

MUNICIPAL.

PICTON, Tuesday.

At the meeting of the council last night the half-yearly balance-sheet was submitted, showing credit balances of £178 and £663 to the general and water works account respectively. The assets were £71,493, and liabilities, £5, plus £576 per annum for 96 years, interest on the cost of the waterworks, while the arrears of rates were £6 19s.

Alderman J. L. Yeadon, of Bayswater, Victoria, late president of the shire of Ferntree Gully (Vic.), who was present as a visitor, complimented the council on their unique and satisfactory financial position. He said that under local government money could be saved. The Government in Victoria had hitherto squandered £100, which in the council's hands was made to go as far as £150 expended by the Government.

With regard to a request by the Lithgow Progress Association for co-operation in an effort to provide a system of efficient defence, for the promotion of immigration, and to ensure the maintenance of a "white Australia," the council decided not to take any action, the subjects being outside the scope of municipal work.

UNANDERA, Wednesday.

The Central Illawarra Council this afternoon decided to request the member for Illawarra to oppose the appointment of the commissioner proposed under the Local Government Bill, and that the bill be further discussed at the next council meeting. It was also decided that the Postmaster-General be approached with a view of a telephone on the condenser system being established at the Dapto office.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

BATHURST, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the W.C.T.U. was held last night in the William-street Lecture Hall. Mrs. Marriott, president, in her report showed that satisfactory progress had been made during the year. Addresses were delivered by the chairman, also by Mrs. Nolan, president of the union, and the Rev. H. Wheen.

SUNDAY CONCERTS AT THE BARRIER.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

At last night's meeting of the City Council the committee reported that a letter had been received from Sub-Inspector Shartell, giving notice that the holding of concerts on Sundays in the Town Hall was in contravention of the law, and asking that steps be taken to avoid any conflict with the statute. After discussion the matter was referred back to the Town Hall committee for further consideration.

BROKEN HILL, Tuesday.

Mr. W. H. Mant, of the Crown Solicitor's Office, appeared to-day at the police court to prosecute in the cases of the milk vendors who in March last were charged with selling milk adulterated with an undue proportion of preservatives. Eighteen cases were set down for hearing, all of which had been held in abeyance pending the decision on an appeal against a sentence obtained by the police in the first case. Two cases were heard to-day, and in each the defendant was fined, the amount with costs aggregating 25s 6d.

Wednesday.

The hearing of charges against milk vendors was concluded to-day. H. Thorn was fined £4 10s 6d for selling adulterated milk. An arrangement was then made by which the depositions taken in the three cases heard should be accepted as governing the remainder of the cases, the defendants being fined 20s, with 5s 6d costs, 21s analyst's fee, and two guineas professional costs, or one month.

The Public schools annual display was held to-day on the Western Oval. The morning was pleasant enough, but in the afternoon a high wind blew, and the dust was blinding, all the enjoyment of the proceedings being spoilt.

About 6000 people were present, exclusive of the children taking part in the demonstration, who numbered 2500. The displays were most creditably carried out, and had it not been for the dust the spectacle would have been brilliant and picturesque. The financial result was even better than that of last year.

GLEN INNES, Tuesday.

At the annual meeting of the Teachers' Literary Association the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Patron, Mr. F. J. Thomas, M.L.A.; president, Mr. S. Smith; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Moloney, W. Stevens; treasurer, Mr. J. Cameron; secretary, Mr. T. Jones.

GOULBURN, Wednesday.

At a public meeting held last night in the Town Hall, Alderman Knowlman presiding, a committee was appointed to carry out a series of musical, literary, and elocutionary competitions, on the lines of those at Ballarat. The first competition will be restricted to the district. It was decided to appeal to the public for monetary aid.

MERRIWA, Tuesday.

The School of Arts Committee has unanimously resolved to place in the reading-room of the institute a lifesize portrait of the late Mr. Edward O'Keeffe, late president, who for 40 years took a warm interest in the institution from its commencement as a small room with a few volumes to the fine building of to-day. Not only in connection with the School of Arts, but in everything in the interests of the town, Mr. O'Keeffe took an active part.

SPRINGWOOD, Tuesday.

The tanks of water sent here on Friday and Saturday by the Railway Department to relieve the necessities of the residents, who are out of water, were leaking so badly that one lot was quite lost, and in the others the supply now was rotten and leaked, so that they had to be taken away without any water being given from them. Some sound tanks of water are promised. The dry weather conditions continue.

TAMWORTH, Wednesday.

The council has received from the Government four Boer rifles for display in the council-chambers.

WINDSOR, Wednesday.

The sixteenth annual picnic of the carriage, waggon, and paint shop workers (N.S.W. Government Railways) was held on the park on Monday. About 1000 picnickers arrived by special trains. A programme of sports was carried out during the afternoon.

YOUR COMPLEXION.

It is an index to the state of the stomach. If you have pimples, boils, carbuncles, or any other public signs of distress, your blood is full of impurities from your stomach. Dr. Sheldon's Digestive Tabules will remove the cause of your mottled appearance, and will cure the headache, indigestion, sleeplessness, and all other evils that arise from a disordered stomach. For sale everywhere.—Advt.

OUR NAVAL DEFENCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—On my arrival in Sydney this morning for the week end, I was surprised to see that your leading article in yesterday's issue had completely misunderstood both the motives for, and the effect of, the motion which I moved in the House of Representatives last Thursday. Such being the case, perhaps I might be permitted to justify myself in the eyes of such of your readers as may have read your above leader without also carefully perusing the excellent precis of my speech which appeared in the same issue.

One of the first problems I set myself to study after my election to my present position was the problem to Australian defence, not, be it said at once, because I thought myself especially fitted for its consideration, but because I saw that this truly national subject was being shamefully neglected by all parties in the Federal Parliament. Defence had been one of the main causes for which we federated, and yet one failed to see any recognition of that fact in the actions of the first Federal Parliament. One saw there a gradual yearly increase in the cost of transferred Civil departments, in which it had been previously expected the consolidation of control would effect a saving, and, side by side with this increase, a yearly reduction in the defence expenditure. One saw there Governments preparing to enter into the State's sphere of industrial legislation, and to exercise other powers held concurrently with the States; while all the time they appeared to be neglectful of what should have been their first care—the safety of the people committed to their charge—that they had not even attempted to formulate a defence policy. Defence, it seemed, was to receive the consideration to which it was entitled only when the time came for that consideration to be too late. Controversial legislation, or the exercise of powers held in common with the States, is all very well in its way; but such matters will be seen in their true perspective if ever our national existence is threatened, and it is then found that the authority entrusted with the defence of the country has left it defenceless.

In my consideration of the defence requirements of Australia, I examined each and every phase of our so-called defence system (whether controlled by us or not), the danger each was intended to meet, and its adequacy to meet it; and I differed from other Australians who had gone into the subject before me, only in that I did not take the adequacy of any one of them for granted—even the navy of the United Kingdom.

The three requirements of Australian defence, in the order of their value, are: (1) A navy, and the complement of naval defence, well equipped and fortified naval bases and harbours of temporary refuge for merchantmen. (2) A field force. (3) Rifle clubs, and the rescue manhood of the country.

The navy and its complement, coastal defence, was, I found, the least considered—albeit infinitely the most important of the Commonwealth's defences—and the only reason that it is so far as the navy is concerned was not also the most inefficient, was that the responsibility for our naval defence rested upon other and less irresponsible shoulders. I have already shown in the Federal Parliament the helplessness of our harbours and coastal defences of Australia. In this year's budget debate, I showed that it was our first duty to ourselves to protect our commercial and strategic centres, that Sydney was our most important centre from both these points of view, and that the defences of Sydney were a menace to its inhabitants and a scandal to the Commonwealth. I showed, on the standard service "authority" on coastal defence, that we had no guns here of the type required to meet the most probable forms of attack; also that we had not enough men—permanent and militia combined—to man the breech-loading guns we have; and that we have so little or no ammunition that the few up-to-date guns we have—the 6in q.f. and mark VII. 9in guns—(which can use no other) have never yet been fired in practice. Thus, in guns, men, and the elements of efficiency, I showed how dangerously we were lacking. To rectify this, should, I urged, be the first duty of the Commonwealth.

All these things I mention only to correct any inference that I might have been taken from your leader that I was, while considering the naval defence of Australia, ignoring that side of it—its complement—which under present arrangements is alone under our control. Coastal defence, however, is not designed to repel invasion, but to leave the navy free to seek out the enemy wherever he may be, without being hampered by consideration for the safety of the ports it quits. But if once the navy is beaten, and command of the sea passes from us, our fixed coastal defences, however strong in themselves, cannot prevent the enemy landing an invading force out of reach of their fire.

My study of the navy's adequacy for its supreme duty of protecting from invasion this as well as every other section of the Empire was viewed from the Australian point of view alone. The marvellous birth of a new naval power, within striking distance of the great empty lands of Australia, necessarily, in my mind, made the Australian dependence upon a navy more acute than that of any other colony, but I viewed that dependence solely from our own standpoint.

All accepted authorities seem to be agreed upon the following points:—(1) That command of the sea was essential for the security of each and every British possession. (2) That this command could be assured only by concentrating the Empire's naval efforts and not its navy, instead of dividing it up into localised navies in each possession, waiting to be attacked and destroyed each in turn by a concentration of the enemy's force. (3) That, while in time of war the seas would be policed and commerce protected against molestation by cruisers (as well, indeed, as "the line of the fleet"), command of the seas could be assured only by more powerful, if slower, ships—battleships—designed to act in common.

I then examined the United Kingdom's strength in battleships, as contrasted with those of any foreign power, to see whether the preparations made were sufficiently extensive to guarantee to Australia immunity from invasion—the form of attack which the sparseness of our population makes our most serious menace. I found that, whereas the cruiser strength of Great Britain predominated immensely over that of all other Powers, her battleship strength—the real test of sea power—although at present equal numerically to the next three, would in 1907 be insufficient to maintain a blockade of two combined Powers, and then I asked myself, still from the sole point of view of Australia, what would happen to this country if, while the mother country was engaged with the next two Powers in another part of the world, Japan should suddenly decide to—for the sake of argument—forcibly amend our alien restriction laws. The figures show that in 1907 Great Britain would, if attacked by two Powers combined, have to meet their forces at the other end of the world with all the forces at her command; and that she would certainly be in no position to detach the very large force necessary to cope with our northern neighbour. If the Empire, then, had to face a combination of three Powers (by no means unknown in its history) in two years' time, and one of those Powers happened to be Japan, Australia could look for nothing but to fate or a worthy—albeit entirely disastrous—defence.

Thus, also, so far as potential command of the seas goes, I found the Australian position was by no means satisfactory, and I endeavoured to detect its causes.

After going into the question carefully—always, be it remembered, from the point of view of Australia—I came to the conclusion that the mother country, while still cheerfully bearing unassisted the whole burden of the defence of her family of peoples, was beginning to stumble in the race for that naval supremacy which is so vital to the very existence of every section of our family. The causes of this were natural causes, and were not difficult to discover.

Navies, while not always built—like the British—to protect national interests, cannot exist without some solid backing of national prosperity, and it therefore follows that if the mother country is no longer able unassisted to outdistance her competitors for naval supremacy, her competitors must be losing her in national enterprise, wealth, and prosperity. That this is so is a matter of common knowledge. Great Britain, which enjoyed all through the last century—the steam age, when the world's great industrial epoch began—that trade confidence and security from the more serious risks of war which naval supremacy can alone afford an island people, expanded by leaps and bounds. The commercial enterprise of foreign peoples, on the other hand, harried by internal dissensions, racked with revolution, suffering from wars and the anticipation of all that wars might bring to their workshops and industries, during the first three-quarters of the century—when England's vast lead was attained—lay fallow. Since then, however, comparative security has reigned abroad, and, under its ægis, the enterprise of our rivals has begun to challenge the potentialities of their resources. And unless something unforeseen occurs to break the trade confidence which foreign peoples now enjoy, it is clear that sooner or later their national wealth—and therefore offensive capacity on the seas—will catch up that of the tight little island of only 121,000 square miles, whose wealth for the past century has been so out of all proportion to her size.

Whatever may be the causes, however, the fact remains that foreign armaments, in the particular branch of naval effort which aims at sea control, will in 1907 be large enough to seriously imperil the safety of this Commonwealth.

What is Australia's duty to herself—I do not say her duty to the motherland—in such circumstances? Should she merely wring her hands, or attempt the creation, for local purposes only, of a small force of her own, which cannot be of any use against the serious aggression she has to fear, and can only be put to such a purpose after the immense naval power of England has been crushed? Or, should she not address herself anew to the problem, and ask herself and her cousins overseas whether a new basis—the wealth of the whole Empire, not only the wealth of its richest member—should not now necessarily be made the reserve on which the new Imperial Defence authority could draw for the common defence of all? Such a readjustment of responsibility must come eventually, if we are to remain free to develop the immense resources of a world-wide heritage. And if we do not tackle the question now, when we have the opportunity for dispassionate consideration, we shall be forced to it later on, when passion and panic will come together to blind our judgment.

Far from intending, as your leader infers, to belittle

FUNERALS.

RUBENACH.—The Friends of Mr. RUBENACH and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved WIFE and their MOTHER; to leave her late residence, Model Farms, Baulkham Hill, THIS (Thursday) MORNING, at 8 o'clock, for Church of England Cemetery, Rookwood.
W. METCALFE and CO., Parramatta.

RANNARD.—The Relatives and Friends of the late Mrs. JANE RENNARD (relict of the late Edwin Rannard) are kindly invited to attend her Funeral; to leave her late residence, High-street, Willoughby, THIS (Thursday) MORNING, at 10, for St. Thomas' Church of England Cemetery, North Sydney.
WOOD and COMPANY, Funeral Directors, etc., Sydney and Suburbs; and Parramatta. Tel., 726, etc.

THORNTON.—The Friends of the deceased Mrs. MARTIN THORNTON are respectfully invited to attend her Funeral; to leave her late residence, 5 Little Edward-street, Pescock's Point, Balmain, THIS AFTERNOON, at 12.45, for the Necropolis.
COFFILL and COMPANY,
Funeral Directors.

CONDON.—The Friends of Mr. MAURICE CONDON, Junr., are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE, Eliza, which will move from her mother's residence, 32 Church-street, Balmain, THIS DAY, at 1 o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery.
W. N. BULL, Funeral Director.

CONDON.—The Friends of Mrs. BRIDGET MAHONY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved DAUGHTER, Mrs. Maurice Condon; to move from her residence, 32 Church-street, Balmain, THIS DAY, at 1 o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery.
W. N. BULL, Funeral Director.

CONDON.—The Friends of Messrs. ROBERT, THOMAS, and WILLIAM MAHONY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SISTER, Mrs. Maurice Condon; to move from 32 Church-street, Balmain, THIS DAY, at 1 o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery.
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CONDON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. MAURICE CONDON, Sen., are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, Eliza Jane Condon, which will leave her mother's residence, 32 Church-street, Balmain, THIS THURSDAY, at 1 o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery.
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CONDON.—The Friends of THOMAS, EDWARD, WILLIAM, BEDE, MAGGIE, and MADELINE CONDON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly beloved SISTER-IN-LAW, Eliza Jane Condon, which will leave her mother's residence, 32 Church-street, Balmain, THIS THURSDAY, at 1 o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery.
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HALLIDAY.—The Friends of the late Mr. ROBERT HALLIDAY are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his residence, 42 Princes-street, city, THIS THURSDAY, at 1.15 p.m., for the Necropolis.
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A. D. M'DONALD, Secretary.

HINNIE.—The Friends of the late DAVID PIRNIE are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to leave his late residence, Sorrell-street, Parramatta, THIS THURSDAY, at 1.15 p.m., for Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood.
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IACORN LODGE, No. 81, U.A.O. DRUIDS.—The Officers and Members of the above Lodge are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of our late Bro., DAVID PIRNIE, which will move from his residence, Sorrell-street, Parramatta, THIS THURSDAY, at 1.15 o'clock, for Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood.
G. BOWLER, Arch. Druid.
ALFRED LUKER, Secretary.

FINN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM FINN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly beloved infant CHILD, Francis Leslie; to move from their residence, 85 Sheppard-street, Marrickville, THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON, at 1.30 p.m., for Rookwood Cemetery, via Newtown Station.
W. N. BULL,
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RALPH.—The Friends of the late Mr. JOSEPH RALPH are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; which will leave the residence of his parents, 470 Kent-street, Sydney, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
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T.O.D.F., GLEBE LODGE, No. 9.—The Officers and Members of the above and Sister Lodges are requested to attend the Funeral of our late Bro., JOSEPH RALPH; to leave 470 Kent-street, city, at 1.30 THIS DAY, for Necropolis. Regalia.
J. WEBB, Secretary.

COLLERSON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN B. COLLERSON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved DAUGHTER, Emily Rebecca; which will leave their residence, 104 Mansfield-street, Balmain, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 2, for the Field of Mars Cemetery.
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WILLIS.—The Friends of Mr. GEORGE WILLIS and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved WIFE and their MOTHER; to move from his residence, Beecroft-road, Beecroft, THIS THURSDAY, by the 2.15 train from Beecroft to Rookwood Church of England Cemetery.
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REEVE.—The Friends of Mr. JOHN REEVE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late dearly beloved WIFE; to leave his residence, 87 Albion-street, Surry Hills, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 2.30 p.m., for R.C. Cemetery, Waverley.
W. N. BULL, Funeral Director.

REEVE.—The Friends of HUGH, CLARA, and MARY M. BANKLEY, Ida and Nimbo, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved SISTER, Nellie; to leave her late residence, 67 Albion-street, Surry Hills, THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON, at 2.30 p.m., for R.C. Cemetery, Waverley.
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ISAACS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. ISAACS, of Acklands, Kurruba-road, Neutral Bay, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SON, Reginald Sydney, leaving their residence, at 2.30 p.m. THIS DAY, for Church of England Cemetery, Gore Hill.
JOHN CHANDLER,
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GRIERSON.—The Friends of Mrs. ISABELLA GRIERSON are respectfully informed that the Funeral of her beloved DAUGHTER, Jessie, will leave her residence, 87 Baptist-street, Redfern, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for Waverley Cemetery.
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GRIERSON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. LLOYD are respectfully informed that the Funeral of their beloved SISTER, Jessie Grierson, will leave her mother's residence, 87 Baptist-street, Redfern, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for Waverley Cemetery.

GRIERSON.—The Friends of Messrs. JOHN and WILLIAM TYPE are respectfully informed that the Funeral of their beloved NIECE, Jessie Grierson, will leave her mother's residence, 87 Baptist-street, Redfern, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for Waverley Cemetery.

HANRAHAN.—The Friends of the late Mr. PATRICK HANRAHAN are kindly invited to attend his Funeral, which will leave St. Bernard's Church, North Botany, THIS DAY, at 2.45 p.m., for Botany Cemetery, leaving residence, George-street, North Botany, at 1.45 p.m.
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HANRAHAN.—The Friends of JOSEPH, ELLENOR, FLORENCE, and KATHLEEN HANRAHAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly beloved FATHER; to move from St. Bernard's Church, North Botany, THIS DAY, at 2.45 p.m., for Botany Cemetery.
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